

Minutes  
Forest and Parks Commission  
April 6, 2026  
6:00 p.m. at the Chelsea Town Hall

Present: Jen Chase, Susan Elder, Pete Amber and Curtis Chase.

1. Trail at Health Center - Pete received permission from the Brookhaven School to use the pedestrian bridge on Brookhaven side behind the well house to connect to the VAST trail. A small amount of land along that section of the VAST trail is owned by the Maple Street Housing property and another small piece is owned by the folks living part time in the house beyond Susan Hardin. Pete will approach them to discuss.
2. Greens Maintenance. It might be useful to have the greens aerated again this year. Whomever is mowing the greens could be asked to do a once a year aeration - probably in the fall. It was last done in the fall of 2024.
3. Green Up Day - Jen will be contacting Tim Courts concerning Green Up Day bags and organizing materials before he leaves for a scheduled vacation. Susan and Arthur can help coordinate routes the morning of May 2 and make their truck available until 1:00 p.m. Pete will ask Tim Carter for help. A trailer would be helpful to park at the basketball court area to collect bags that folks cannot take to the transfer station from 1:00 p.m. on. Jen will send out an email to the community of the plan of the day and to ask for more volunteers.
4. Two Rivers Walkability/Roll study. Susan and Kate MacLean are working on drafting a media campaign and organizing volunteers to complete the study. Rita Seto of 2 Rivers is scheduled to return in late May to finish the study and go over the data collected by the volunteers.
5. Tree Planting Grant. Jen forwarded to Pete Amber an email from the grant suppliers asking when the rest of the trees will be planted. Pete will get in touch with them with an update. Pete and Lizzy have been busy with trimming and removal of trees on both commons. The whole north side of the north common has been done. 5 sugar maples remain to be done. Planting of new trees will be timed with spring thawing and the planned use of the greens such as the farmers market and the Flea Market.
6. Pollinator Garden. Susan will remove tree protection and fertilize at the same time this spring.
7. Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.