

**Minutes**  
**Forest and Parks Commission**  
**October 7, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m. at the Chelsea Public Library**

Present: Andy Pomerantz, Linda Kuban, Robin Amber, Susan Elder, Kate Willard, Lizzie Amber, and via Zoom: John Latham, Jen Chase and Marty Gratz.

1. The Minutes of September 9, 2024 were approved as submitted.
2. Under public comments Andy Pomerantz shared the clearing legal trails offer forwarded via email. The property where trails will go had a gate across it but it is now for sale and gate is open. After discussion on the definition of Class 4 roads versus open access trails it was decided more direction is needed from the selectboard as whether we need a permit to work on trails.
3. Jen Chase updated the group about the proposal to the selectboard on the estimate for work to be done upgrading the commons with trees, aeration of the greens, fertilization, and fill for low spots. The selectboard promised to look at the budget and get back to us.
4. Susan explained the work “bee” for the pollinator garden is taking place tomorrow 10/8 and Thursday 10/10 on the Maple Street property. Help is needed. Community members have signed up. Tools are available. Amber family donating time, labor and mulch. The school kids will arrive Tuesday. There will need to be a watering schedule during the first two weeks. Marty said she has free birdhouses and there are more available.
5. Town Forest UVT Alliance. Jen wants to coordinate a walk through with them. Can we schedule this? She will get back to them to ask about a wintertime event.
6. Forest Management Plan. Kate spoke to selectboard. It was re-voted as approved. Needs to be marked as approved somehow and listed on town’s website as “approved agreement”. Kate will follow up with town admin. Then we need to ask selectboard to follow through and either hire Paganelli and someone else. The work may need to go through RFP process but that is up to selectboard. Since the cost of logging will be mitigated by the revenue of log sales this will not impinge on town budget. Andy is wondering if part of revenue could be placed aside for the trail work and other forest and Parks Commission projects.
7. Ccpcvt.grant. Susan will print out and work with Pete and Kate to complete. Deadline is early January. This is for purchasing and planting of more trees, possibly to replace trees on commons as that is how grant is worded.
8. Marty is working with Chelsea School principal about getting compost from a southern new england business. It is free and is delivered monthly. Chicken Wiggle may continue to use it instead of us as there is a storage issue.
9. Susan will be away on November 4th meeting. Linda Kuban agreed to do agenda and minutes. Susan will send her the details of the procedure.
10. Adjourn at 7:00 p.m.