

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
Town Forest Stewardship Committee
Minutes of September 16, 2025

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Ginny Kunkel, Bill Dell’Isola, Andrew Padilla, Russ Barrett, Nelson Hoffman, Jeremy Whalen
- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED):** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Aug 19th, 2025: Motion to approve by Ginney, Second by Andrew, Approved 6-0
- IV. **Agenda updates or Additions:**
- V. **UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**
 - a. **Shaw Center update:** Paine Mountain Trail race will occur this coming weekend. FTX trainings are scheduled for October. Mowing has yet to be scheduled. Locations of stakes for disk golf baskets should be provided next week. Day of service is coming up, TFSC will ask for students to help with Hawk watch and another project.
 - b. **VTGC September workshop on accessible trails: Behind the Scenes Look: Accessible Trail Building & Management:** Discussed the opportunity to attend. Some members may attend if they are available
 - c. **Cheney Field parking update from the Select Board meeting:** Jeff provided answers to questions from the NCC and the Walkability group. Bill asked what the SB position was on the topic. Referenced to the SB notes from August, when most members stated their positions. Nelson questioned what the town's responsibility for safety would be.
 - d. **Cheney Field mowing:** Mowing was not completed last year. The TFSC plans call for mowing every three years to maintain grasslands. After a discussion about the current disturbance of the field from construction, it was decided 6-0 to wait until next year. Additionally, the TFSC will work to develop a mowing schedule this winter.
 - e. **Town Forest plan:** Jeremy wants to work on updates to the Town Forest Plan as a winter project.
 - f. **Community trail workday/Norwich Community Day Projects.** Jeremy will contact Norwich to add the projects to their list.
- VI. **Public Participation (Unscheduled):** None
- VII. **Other Business:** None
- VIII. **Adjourn:** 7:05