

Town Common Committee

The mission of the Town Common Committee is to transform an underutilized lawn, behind the police and fire stations, into a functional and thoughtful Town Common that will serve as a central community gathering place for all Town residents. The Committee will use the 2022 conceptual design to guide their work on the project, and will engage community members, neighboring landowners, and local businesses in the effort to foster a sense of shared space.

To accomplish this mission, the Committee will work to:

- Spearhead creation of the Town Common over the next five to seven years, in collaboration with Town staff and the Select Board.
- Recommend a phasing plan for site work (e.g., grading & drainage) and improvements
- Facilitate refinements to the conceptual plan as well as detailed design work for more involved elements (i.e., structures, play areas, parking).
- Engage community members (including neighboring landowners) in further design and implementation work.
- Fundraise for site improvements – e.g., grants, community and business donations, in-kind services, etc. Advise Town staff and the Select Board on budgetary needs/requirements.
- Consider and make recommendations regarding annual operation and maintenance needs and costs.

The committee shall be comprised of at least three members, and no more than seven members. Committee members shall be appointed by the Select Board. Terms for initial appointments shall be one, two, or three years in order to stagger the terms of committee members. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms.