

*“There is not a village in America, however badly planned at first, or ill-built afterwards, that may not be redeemed, in a great measure, by the aid of shade trees in the streets ... and it is never too late or too early to project improvements of this kind.”*

Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852)

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**  
**TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE**  
**8:00 AM – Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

Or register in advance to attend via Zoom:

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Once registered you will receive the meeting link and password.

1. Acceptance of Minutes of November meeting. (attached)
2. Tree Removal Requests.
  - Rockland Ave at Kent St: 1 Norway maple, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree has been in decline for some time. There is a large basal wound with decaying wood, as well as instances of holes, sloughing bark, and limb dieback.
  - Rockland Ave at Sherburne Ave: 1 white ash, fair condition, removal recommended by City. This tree has recently suffered a large limb tear out that has created a large wound.
  - 88 Lincoln Ave: 1 Silver maple, fair condition. Recent storm damage has prompted this removal request. This large tree has some structural issues, such as fruiting bodies from a burl and large areas of included bark. The presence of water sprouts suggests stress, and there is a history of root damage as well as reduction pruning. *Revisiting the decision to remove this tree from October 2023.*
3. Arbor Day 2024: Arborist Max Waiter is proposing the City plant a seedling(s) of the Moffat-Ladd House/Whipple chestnut and invite Historic Portsmouth to discuss the history and people behind the tree. It will likely require the creation of a protective box/structure to keep the tree sheltered from mechanical damage due to its small size.
4. Tree purchase order: Please see Meeting Packet. Open discussion regarding the trees the City is purchasing for planting next spring.
5. Update of Tree Planting for the City's 400<sup>th</sup> and 401st
6. Old Business
7. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday January 10, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter J. Loughlin, Chair