

"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, March 13, 2024

Or register in advance to attend via Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6Mqo_nV0TJS3Fe0mgvB3vA

Once registered you will receive the meeting link and password.

1. Acceptance of Minutes from February 14 meeting. (attached)

2. Tree Removal Requests

- 323 Islington St: 2 Black walnut, good condition, removal requested by neighboring resident.
- 373 Cutts Ave (across from): 1 box elder, 1 Black walnut, 2 crabapple, fair-to-good condition. This site will become an Adopt-a-Spot sponsored by the homeowner at 373 Cutts Ave.
- 790 McGee Dr: 1 Norway spruce, good condition, removal requested by homeowner. A nearby Norway spruce's roots failed in a recent storm, which is prompting this removal request. (Photos and statement from homeowner included.)
- 800 McGee Dr: 3 Norway spruce, fair-to-good condition, removals requested by homeowner. See above.
- 199 Clinton Ave: 1 Norway maple, fair condition, removal requested by homeowner. Recent mechanical root damage caused by underground utility work is prompting this removal request. (Photo included.)
- Vaughan Mall: 2 Red oak, poor condition, removal recommended by City. Both trees are showing signs of stress in the form of significant crown dieback and water sprouts. Pruning will only remove immediate hazards but not reverse the decline.
- Alumni Field: 1 Red maple, fair condition, removal recommended by City. This site is being cleaned up for future use as a picnic area. On the backside of the tree there is a significant wound and decayed wood in the trunk. There are other instances of decayed wood attached to significant limbs. (To find tree: park in front of Alumni Field sign, look to the left behind the chain-link fence, and look for the green removal notice.)

3. Landscape Plan approval

4. Trees Along the Walkways to the Dog Park

5. Memorial Tree proposal

The Portsmouth Public Library is requesting a tree to be memorialized for a former librarian, Joan Christie. DPW is planting trees in the front of the library to replace ash

removals from last spring.

6. Committee member update

Begin to consider selecting a new Assistant Chairperson and filling the vacant Committee member opportunity in light of Dick Adams' departure from the Committee.

7. Arbor Day 2024 update.

8. Update of Tree Planting for the City's 401"

9. Old Business

10. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday April 10, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair