

“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, September 11, 2024

City Hall, Conference Room A and via Zoom

To register in advance for this webinar via Zoom:

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1. Acceptance of Minutes of August Meeting
2. Tree Removal Requests

Sagamore Avenue: The decision was made at the last T&G meeting on August 14, 2024 to postpone the decision about tree removals on Sagamore Avenue until the September 11, 2024 meeting. Below is the original post description of the trees:

18 trees total, all for Eversource, all trees are recommended for removal by City, including:

- 635 Sagamore Ave: 1 red oak, good condition
- 749 Sagamore Ave: 5 red oak, 1 white pine, 1 black cherry, fair-good condition
- City ROW opposite Cliff Rd: 7 white pine, 2 red oak, 1 black birch, fair-good condition

22 Greenleaf Ave: 3 red maple, fair-to-good condition. These trees are being considered for removal to facilitate a sidewalk project from Hillside Dr to Lafayette Rd. Trees are numbered 1 to 3 on removal notices. Listed below are the individual notes for the three trees:

1. good condition; some crown dieback exists, but is overall a vigorous tree
2. fair condition; in general, there is a thin canopy with dieback, some unions have pockets of moisture and decay, and small cavities from old pruning cuts exist.
3. good condition; a large basal necrotic area exists, but the wood is solid; above that is a cavity with moisture and decay; probing the hole with a rod suggests decent compartmentalization of decay; in general, a vigorous tree.

Vaughan Mall at Congress St: 4 red oak, good condition, removal recommended by City. The Vaughan Mall will be undergoing significant utility replacement, which necessitates the removal of these oaks to potentially save the remaining trees in Vaughan Mall.

364 Thornton St: 1 pear, good condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. The homeowner's underground utility line which is located directly beneath this pear tree needs to be replaced.

234 Aldrich Rd: 1 sugar maple, poor condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. The tree is declining and there is no other treatment option available.

123 McKinley Rd: 4 ash, poor condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. Trees are infested with EAB.

South Mill Pond Playground: 2 ash trees, poor condition, removal recommended by City. Trees are infested with EAB.

212 Miller Ave: 1 ash, poor condition, removal recommended by City. The tree is infested with EAB.

120 Hillcrest Dr: 1 Norway spruce, poor condition, removal recommended by City. The tree has been declining for several years.

57 Hillside Dr: 1 red maple, fair condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. A large necrotic area is present at the base of this tree.

239 Cass St: 1 Norway maple, fair condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. The tree is in a general state of decline, and there is carpenter ant activity suggesting wet or decayed wood.

3. Update on City's ongoing tree maintenance and planting plans.
4. Old Business
5. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday October 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachment: August minutes