

“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, October 9, 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 September Meeting

2. Tree Removal Requests

- 698 Sagamore Ave: 1 red maple, poor condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. The tree is in decline, and there has been some recent root damage caused by the road project.

- 4 Fairview Dr: 1 European beech, poor condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. The tree has been declining following road work and extensive pruning from Eversource.

- 420 Lafayette Rd: 1 crab apple, poor condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. There are some structural issues at the base of this tree.

- 37 Elwyn Ave: 1 peach tree, fair condition, resident request. The tree is messy and has been a nuisance in the past for sidewalk and road clearance. The tree is afflicted with a fungal disease.

- 10 Sewall Rd: 1 sugar maple, poor condition, resident request, removal recommended by City. This previously multi-stem tree had a leader removed for line clearance. The large necrotic portion of the trunk is an opening for decay and disease that will never seal. These issues can spread to the included area of the remaining tree.

- 104 Thornton St: 1 Norway maple, good condition, resident request. Resident is requesting this removal because it is crowding the honeylocust and zelkova.

- 8 Greenleaf Ave: 1 silver maple, poor condition, removal recommended by City. The tree has a large central column of decay, and it has been pruned heavily by Eversource. The removal of this tree is required for the sidewalk project on Greenleaf Ave.

- Islington St at Plains Ave: 1 Norway maple, fair condition, removal recommended by City. There is a decent portion of deadwood and decline through the central canopy. The tree is growing vigorously toward the utility lines. Tree requires significant pruning for clearance.

- Market St. elevated walkway on Shearwater Dr: 1 red maple, good condition, two Norway spruce poor condition, removals recommended by City. The two spruces have bittersweet growing throughout the canopies, which has affected the foliage. The site in which these trees are planted is restrictive and not ideal for maintenance. Heavy pruning is needed for clearance from the walkway structure.

- 680 Pevely Hill Rd (Public Works) near fuel pumps: 2 ash, good condition, removal recommended by City. These two trees need to be removed to facilitate the building expansion.

3. 2025 tree planting species selection
4. Tree planting door hanger draft
5. Update on City's ongoing tree maintenance and planting plans.
6. Old Business
7. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday November 13, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachments: September Minutes
Spring 2025 Planting List
Sample "door hanger" regarding plans for planting location