

*“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, February 12, 2025**

To register in advance for this webinar via Zoom:

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1. Acceptance of Minutes of January 8, 2025 Meeting
2. Public Realm Improvement project: Sidewalk installation from Ledgewood Drive to Portsmouth High School, including tree removal and landscape plan approval.
  - About 50 trees, greater than 4” DBH, ranging from poor to good condition.
  - Many other trees are less than 4” DBH or are dead.
  - 27 trees and 45 shrubs are proposed in the landscaping plan.
3. Tree removal requests:
  - **45 Shearwater Dr:** 2 honey locust, good condition, developer request. These trees will be destroyed in the process of digging the foundation for a new house. There is a gas main on the opposite side of the lot that limits any rearranging of the structure.
  - **250 Miller Ave:** 1 little-leaf linden, good condition, resident request. The tree is causing a line-of-sight obstruction from the driveway on Miller Ave. (Photos)
  - **274 Miller Ave:** 1 silver maple, good condition, resident request. The tree is causing a line-of-sight obstruction from the driveway of 260 Miller Ave and when entering Miller Ave from Spring St. (Photos)
  - **1 Mariette Dr:** 1 red maple, fair condition, resident request. The tree is in a stressed state. There are many exposed and damaged roots near the driveway, some of which are causing sidewalk and driveway damage. There is a fair amount of 1-2” deadwood throughout the tree’s canopy.
  - **620 Woodbury Ave:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, removal recommended by the City. This tree is in constant conflict with Eversource utility lines and requires topping on a regular basis to fit the site.
  - **673 Woodbury Ave:** 1 silver maple, fair condition, removal recommended by the City. This tree is in constant conflict with Eversource utility lines and requires topping on a regular basis to fit the site.
  - **710 Woodbury Ave:** 1 green ash, poor condition, removal recommended by the City. This tree has been topped and is in poor health.
  - **Cass St at Middle St:** 1 Norway maple, poor condition, removal recommended by the City. A large dead limb fell into the road, and the canopy overall is in decline with more significant dead remaining in the crown.

- **F. W. Hartford Dr** (plant bed in the middle of road) near Taft Rd: 3 green ash, poor condition, removal recommended by the City. All 3 trees show signs of EAB infestation.
4. New Business: Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair
  5. Old Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Bagley, Chair

Attachments: January 8, 2025 draft minutes. PHS Ledgewood Sidewalks. Tree removal background.