

*“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 13, 2023**

Or register in advance to attend via Zoom:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_waTcg4UgT5ao7vR4\\_avPkg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_waTcg4UgT5ao7vR4_avPkg)

Once registered you will receive the meeting link and password.

1. Acceptance of Minutes of August meeting. (attached)
2. Tree Removal Requests.

**Plains Field outfield (near Islington St):** 5 ash, all in various stages of decline, removal recommended by City. This area will be planted next spring.

**For Eversource removal requests, please look for the white/blue checkered tape.**

**Plains Field near playground (for Eversource):** 2 black locust, 2 pin oak, 1 Norway maple, 1 Red maple. All trees indicated are in direct conflict with the utility lines and removal is recommended. New trees will be planted for every removed tree. The planting selections will be more suitable for the site in the immediate area, and several large shade trees will be planted in more open space at Plains Field in the spring.

**Peeverly Hill Rd from Sage Ln to Moffat St (for Eversource):** 2 Black locust, 1 Silver maple, 2 Red maple, 1 elm, 1 white oak. All trees along this section of Peeverly Hill Rd are in direct conflict with the utility lines and removal is recommended. It is worth mentioning a few thoughts related to this site: the grade changed within the last couple years and material was added to build up the roadside, with some of these trees more impacted than others. This has implications for water runoff and excess material at the base of trees, which is reminiscent of the tree failure at Hislop Park this spring.

**777 Middle Rd (for Eversource):** 1 Red oak, 1 Black cherry. The two trees are in direct conflict with the utility lines and removal is recommended. The cherry is in poor condition, and the large oak is showing signs of stress—the canopy is thin and there are many dead limbs throughout.

**Update on 216 Woodbury Ave**

From May’s Trees and Greenery Committee meeting, a London planetree was approved for removal to facilitate a sidewalk installation project. At that time no replacement tree

was selected. It has been decided to plant a **serviceberry** due to the existence of overhead utility lines.

3. Update of Tree Planting for the City's 400<sup>th</sup> and 401st
4. Old Business
5. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday October 11, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachment August 2023 Minutes