

*“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, May 8, 2024**

Or register in advance to attend via Zoom:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6Mqo\\_nV0TJS3Fe0mgvB3vA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6Mqo_nV0TJS3Fe0mgvB3vA)

Once registered you will receive the meeting link and password.

1. Acceptance of Minutes of April meeting. (attached)
2. **Tree Removal Requests**
  - 470 Richards Ave: 2 Bradford pears, fair condition, homeowner request, removals recommended by City. A third pear tree fell onto the home at this address during the winter storm that occurred on April 4, 2024 and is the basis for these removal requests. The remaining pears are significantly pruned for utility clearance, with all weight going towards the home.
  - 303 Thornton St: 1 Silver maple, fair condition, homeowner request, removal recommended by City. A neighboring tree was removed due to a significant leader failure at 295 Thornton St on April 4, 2024 and is the basis for this request. This tree is in a similar condition to the tree removed: declining canopy, cavities.
  - 85 Lawrence St: 1 Norway spruce, fair condition, homeowner request, removal recommended by City. A neighboring tree failed during the storm of April 4, 2024 and is the basis for the removal request. The tree failure may have stemmed from root and heartwood decay potentially caused by damage from trenching for water service infrastructure.
  - 250 Clinton St: 1 Norway maple, fair condition, homeowner request. The tree is on the paper-road next to the house. The homeowner is worried branches or the tree will fall onto house and would prefer it be removed. All major leaders are attached to the trunk of the tree with included bark.
  - 247 Cass St: 1 Norway maple, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree has been pruned within the last three years and its limbs are continuously declining. There is a large central leader that has fruiting bodies covering its bark.
  - Greenland Rd at off-leash dog park: 1 White pine, Eversource request, removal recommended by City. This tree is just outside the easement for the large transmission lines and Eversource is requesting its removal due to the risk of

interfering with the lines. The tree is at the top of a hillside, with all foliage weight towards the utility infrastructure.

- 644 Greenland Rd: 1 Red maple, fair condition, homeowner request. The tree has been pruned for utility clearance, resulting in a one-sided canopy heavily weighted over the road. There are also wounds at the base of the tree that are rotting.

3. Discussion of selection, size and success of recent tree planting.

4. Update of ongoing Tree Planting for the City's 401<sup>st</sup>

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday June 12, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachment: April Minutes