

“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, June 14, 2023

1. Acceptance of Minutes of May 10, 2023 meeting. (attached)
2. Tree Removal Requests.
Hall Cemetery Removals: 24 Norway maple, 3 apple, 2 box elder, 2 cherry, 2 elm, 1 ash, 1 Red oak
10 Merrimac St (on Miller Ave): 1 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
Miller Ave (across from United Methodist Church): 1 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
87 Edmond Ave: 1 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
55 Edmond Ave/Ruby St.: 1 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
Haven Park: 3 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
81 Cottage St.: 1 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
195 Cass St: 1 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
649 State St: 1 ash, removal recommended by City. Tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
245 Middle St: 1 zelkova, Portsmouth Housing Authority request, removal recommended by City. Tree has significant dieback and seam in the trunk on the backside. Pruning is an option, but my suspicion is the tree will continue to decline.
Hislop Park (near the playground/third base line): 2 Norway maple, 1 Red pine, 1 White pine, City request, removals recommended by City. Due to the recent oak failure at Hislop Park I would like you all to consider four more removals. These trees—like the oak—had their grades backfilled on top of their root systems, presenting a hazard for individuals frequenting the playground and ballfield.
3. Update of Tree Planting for the City's 400th
4. Update on Commercial Alley and other City Improvements
5. Update on Beech Leaf Disease and other threats
5. Old Business
6. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday July 12, 2023 Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair Attachment May Minutes