

*“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, July 12, 2023**

1. Acceptance of Minutes of June 14, 2023 meeting. (attached)
2. Tree Removal Requests.

5 Ruth St: 2 black cherry, City request, removal recommended by City. The two trees are located behind the house located at 5 Ruth St, on the border of an unmaintained lot owned by the City. One tree has signs of decline in the canopy as well as basal cavities and wounds. The other cherry is a multi-stem cherry with an included base and is showing signs of decline in the canopy.

Georges Terrace island: 1 Norway maple, City request, removal recommended by City. A portion of the tree has been in decline during the project, and it is time to consider removal and replanting the site next spring along with the rest of Colonial.

City Hall Community Garden: 1 Norway maple, resident request. The maple, while relatively healthy, is growing in a site that is being utilized as a community garden behind the Boiler Room at City Hall and is negatively impacting the garden beds. Some bark is beginning to slough off revealing a long wound that extends from the base into the canopy.

3. Update of Tree Planting for the City's 400<sup>th</sup>
4. William Whipple Horse Chestnut seedlings/Four Tree Island?
5. Update on Beech Leaf Disease and other threats
5. Old Business
6. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday August 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachment June 2023 Minutes

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