

“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 – 8:30 AM – Wednesday, November 8, 2023
City Hall Conference Room A

Or register in advance to attend via Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_88IQcaf-T1mCF1U9ueeY0Q

Once registered you will receive the meeting link and password.

1. Acceptance of Minutes of October meeting. (attached)
2. Tree Removal Requests.
 - End of Marjorie St: 1 willow, 1 maple, good condition, removals recommended by City. These trees should be removed to facilitate the construction of a pump station at the end of Marjorie Lane. The root systems will be impacted to the point it will become a health and safety concern. Other historic site details weigh on this decision as well.
 - 78 Coakley Rd (City property off Borthwick Ave, tree over backyard): 1 ash, fair condition, removal recommended by City. This large, multi-stem ash is showing a fissure between the two stems, with one loaded heavily toward the home. Other ash trees nearby have died from EAB, and while this tree shows no signs yet, the removal of this tree becomes more complicated and dangerous if left alone. This tree is in a remote area behind this address, and it is requested no one enters the property without permission. There is very limited accessibility to this tree from Borthwick Ave. Please refer to the attached photos regarding this tree.
 - 85 Aldrich Rd: 1 maple, fair condition, homeowner request, removal recommended by City. Significant storm damage has occurred, despite significant end weight reduction from two years ago.
 - Market St Greenway near Michael Succi Dr: 9 maple, 3 linden, removals recommended by City. All in various stages of decline, fair-to-poor condition. All sites will be planted next spring.
 - Langdon Park near 45 Lincoln Ave: 1 ash, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
 - 404 Middle St on Cabot St: 1 ash, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
 - 31 Dearborn St: 1 ash, poor condition, removal recommended by City. The tree is showing signs of EAB infestation.
3. Memorial/Donation Tree Planting Requests

- Dr. Geoffrey Clark: Mark Falzone of Scenic America is proposing a memorial tree be planted for Dr. Geoffrey Clark, a longtime Portsmouth resident, astroenterologist, pharmaceutical entrepreneur and philanthropist, who passed away this past January. It is proposed a native tree is selected for planting and a location should be near the Clark residence on Middle St.
 - Sue Thoresen: Bob Thoresen, a previous City Planning Director, is proposing a tree be planted in honor of his spouse Sue for her birthday. The Thoreson's are longtime supporters of the Pontine Theatre, and a dogwood is proposed for the grounds located at 1 Plains Ave, with support of this planting from the Theatre staff.
4. Update of Tree Planting for the City's 400th and 401st
 5. Old Business
 6. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday December 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachments: October 2023 Minutes, Majorie Street Pumping Station Plans