

*"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, February 14, 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 December and January meetings. (attached)
2. Tree Removal Requests.

**51 Pinehurst Rd:** 1 Sugar maple, fair condition, Eversource request. This tree has a large cavity with decay on its house-facing side about 10' from the ground. Sounding the tree on the road-facing side produces hollow notes, likely caused by a wound from the roots or trunk and extending 5'+ from ground.

**115 Pinehurst Rd:** 1 Norway maple, poor condition, Eversource request. This tree has been in a state of decline and has a very thin canopy. There is a decent size old wound about 10' from the base of the tree on the road-facing side of the tree.

**125 Pinehurst Rd:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, Eversource request. The tree displays typical signs of decline such as dead tips and a thinning canopy. A planned utility upgrade will require intense pruning and leaving the tree in place will be a safety concern.

**58 Middle Rd:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, Eversource request. The tree displays typical signs of decline such as branch dieback and a thinning canopy. There is a cavity present on the road-facing side.

**323 Islington St:** 1 boxelder, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree is in the backyard of this (at present) City-owned lot. A neighbor is concerned as this tree has had numerous breaks, and there is a good amount of decaying wood in the unions of large branches.

**506 Richards Ave:** 1 ash, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree is in the side yard of this (at present) City-owned lot. This tree presents large sections of deadwood. There is a large section of necrotic included bark. A neighboring ash was recently removed due to EAB.

**506 Richards Ave:** hedges on corner of South and Richards. These hedges have been problematic for pedestrians and drivers. They will be removed and their roots grinded.

**Langdon Park near 393 South St:** 1 Sugar maple, poor condition, removal recommended by City. The tree presents large sections of deadwood.

**Langdon Park near City Hall exit ramp:** 1 Red maple, poor condition, removal recommended by City. The tree presents large sections of deadwood and a large vertical crack about 15' from its

3. Landscape plan approval

581 Lafayette Rd: Terrence Parker of Terra Firma is proposing a revision to the previously approved landscape plan for TOUR Portsmouth. The new plan will be presented as a pocket park with trees, benches, and walkways.

4. Arbor Day 2024 update.
5. Update of Tree Planting for the City's 401"
6. Programs for reintroducing American Elm
7. Old Business
8. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday March 13, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachment: December 2023 and January 24 Minutes  
581 Lafayette Road Landscape Plan