"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, August 14, 2024

To register in advance for this webinar via Zoom: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_6Mqo\_nV0TJS3Fe0mgvB3vA</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes of June Meeting
- 2. Tree Removal Requests
  - Market Street (ROW between Shearwater Drive and Market Street, see image): 10 white pine, 8 Balsam poplar, 1 black birch, fair-to-good condition, removals recommended by the City. These trees need to be removed to facilitate a significant underground utility project.
  - Sagamore Ave: 18 trees total, all for Eversource, all trees are recommended for removal by City, including:
    - 695 Sagamore Ave: 1 red oak, good condition
    - 749 Sagamore Ave: 5 red oak, 1 white pine, 1 black cherry, fairgood condition
    - City ROW opposite Cliff Road: 7 white pine, 2 red oak, 1 black birch, fair-good condition
  - 140 Sherburne Ave: 1 Norway maple, good condition, Eversource request, removal recommended by City. A utility upgrade on Sherburne and Lincoln will require the removal of this tree.
  - 150 Sherburne Ave: 1 Fire cherry, good condition, Eversource request, removal recommended by City. (See diagram.) A utility upgrade on Sherburne and Lincoln may require the removal of this tree, although it is likely that it will only need to be pruned.

- 337 Richards Ave: 1 Norway maple, fair condition, Eversource request, removal recommended by City. A utility upgrade on Lincoln will require the removal of this tree.
- 81 Clinton St: 1 red maple, fair condition, homeowner request, removal recommended by City. This tree has a crack between the two main leaders with limited reaction wood forming. The center of the tree's canopy is declining, and there is evidence of limb failure toward the house.
- 339 Wibird St: 1 ash, poor condition, removal recommended by City. The tree is showing signs of an EAB infestation.
- Four Tree Island: 2 Norway maples, poor condition, removals recommended by City. These two trees are significantly declining, there is a lot of dieback from the top of the crown.
- Clough Field (near South St at Elwyn Ave): 1 Norway maple, poor condition, removal recommended by City. There is a lot of dieback from the top of the crown.
- 3. Update on City's ongoing tree maintenance and planting plans.
- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business

## Next Meeting Wednesday September 11, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachment: June Minutes