

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY  
7:30 AM – Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room**

**Call to Order:**

**Members Present:** Peter Loughlin, Chairman  
Richard Adams, Vice-Chair  
Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director  
Everett Kern, General Forman  
A.J. Dupere, Community Forester  
June Rogers, Member  
Carla Marvin, Member

Also present were David Allen, Deputy Public Works Director, Peter Rice, Water/Sewer Engineer, Rick Dolce, Engineering Project Manager, Keith Pratt and Phil McDonald Underwood Engineers. Property owners abutting the Point of Graves Cemetery.

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 a.m.

**1. Acceptance of the Minutes** – Minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented.

**2. Tree Removal Requests:**

**15 Oak Street** – **MOTION** made by Carla Marvin to remove tree. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion passed.

**555 Lincoln Avenue** – Everett Kern stated the tree is to the left of 555 Lincoln Ave. Looking down at the tree from the bucket truck it is in bad shape. **MOTION** made by AJ Dupere, based on Mark Tanner's recommendation, to remove. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion passed.

**825 Woodbury Avenue** – Everett Kern stated it actually is 828 which is stated on the tag, the tree is on the corner of Farm Lane and Woodbury Ave. and recommended removal before it comes down and does any damage. Richard Adams reported has substantial rot. **MOTION** made by Richard Adams to remove. Seconded by Carla Marvin. Motion passed.

Suspended rules to consider the Point of Graves Cemetery.

**3. Point of Graves Cemetery** – Joe Capobianco abutter spoke on behalf of the abutting property owners who were present and voiced their concern about the stand of trees growing along the back of the fence and the proposed risk to the irreplaceable tombstones, the safety of their homes as well as human safety. During the recent storm a 79 ft evergreen was uprooted falling onto two properties away from the gravestones missing homes. A second tree fell landing in the cemetery. They are requesting removal of the trees along the back of the fence. Mr. Capobianco presented the committee with a memo stating their concerns with the names and addresses of the abutters together with a map of the cemetery and abutting homes and photographs.

The fallen tree was partly on Mr. Capobianco's property with the majority on the Nerbonne's property. All the abutters are in favor of removal and not interested in replacing the trees.

AJ suggested the Committee inventory the area and inspect the trees.

Everett Kern will post the trees and will have a public hearing at the next meeting.

**4. Lincoln Ave. Area Sewer Separation Impacts** – Phil McDonald presented the Committee with updated packets revising tree impacts to revisit minimizing tree impacts.

Peter Rice reported that in the overall process the design has been submitted to the State for review, scheduled for bidding the job end of April, beginning of May and likely bids will be

opened for award July 1. We have an EK deadline and have no flexibility, it is critical that we move forward. This is an opportunity for discussion and our goal is to minimize impacts and tailor this project to accommodate improvements to the roadway while minimizing tree damage. Keith Pratt added they are looking at road realignment trying to uniform reconstruct curb and road widths and have been pushing curb here and there creating a better curb line on each road which has created some challenge with tree lines.

For whatever trees that are taken out, there is in their bid documents an allowance for tree replacement and will work with this Committee to identify where and species of replacement. Phil McDonald referred to the packet including photographs and Tree Removal Plan explaining tree impacts.

Dave Allen suggested going back and looking at the Committee's report and having heard what has been said regarding the last few trees, see what can be done and come back next meeting with a revised list.

Dick Adams referred to 275 Miller Ave. asking why you want to save the tree when it clearly has very little life and asked if the owner has been approached?

Peter Loughlin suggested that prior to the next meeting send an e-mail to circulate to the Committee members. Peter Rice stated they will take the Committee's list into consideration showing the trees that will be impacted.

**5. Peirce Island Committee Request for Trees** – Peter Loughlin reported going on an inspection and suggested they provide where they would like to have trees that could be presented to the Committee. Steve Parkinson suggested checking with Peter Britz regarding trees proximity along the shoreline in order to break the wind. Richard Adams suggested going out to look at the area and make recommendation at the next meeting. Steve Parkinson stated if we want to do something there with our yearly appropriations, would try to do something along the parking lot and maybe a few to change the appearance of the wood line. Dick Adams will look at the area and stated there are two dead trees on the western approach to the foot bridge along the railing.

Everett Kern stated they were out there yesterday looking at trees that need to come down.

**6. Tree Sites for 2010** – Everett Kern reported he had very few and will work with Nancy Carmer for advertising.

**7. Micum Davis, Cornerstone Tree Care, and Suntree Corporation -Goodwin Park Pruning** – The Chair stated that the City Manager has okayed this.

**8. Seacoast Arborist Collaborative – Arbor Day Pruning – Pierce Island** – The Chair stated that the City Manager has okayed this and Nancy Carmer is working on the publicity and will get a Proclamation from the Mayor.

**9. Tree Ordinance Status** – The Chair will speak with City Attorney.

**10. Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Trees & Public Greenery – Reconstituted (See attached)** – The Committee will be in existence for two more years.

**11. New Business:** June Rogers referred to a bad tree on Woodbury Ave. near Verizon. Everett Kern will take a look at it but does not believe we own trees in that area.

**12. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

**13. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted  
Elaine Boucas, Recording Secretary