

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY**

**AGENDA**

**7:30 AM—Wednesday, October 13, 2010  
Portsmouth City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room**

1. Acceptance of Minutes of September 9, 2010 Meeting
2. Tree Removal Requests:
  - 25 Granite Street (9 trees by the Wentworth School Project)
  - 140 Orchard Street (1 Ash tree)
  - Suzanne Drive (tree behind Maple Haven sign)
  - 38 Willard Avenue
  - 318 Richards Avenue
3. Police Department Request Re: Arborvitae at Rock Street Park
4. Status of Tree Ordinance
5. Replacement trees for Point of Graves Cemetery
6. Thinning of growth on Junkins Avenue causeway; Pleasant Street at Haven Park and Pierce Island Bridge approach
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Respectfully submitted, Peter J. Loughlin-Chair



# City of Portsmouth, N.H.

## Police Department



David J. Ferland  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Stephen J. DuBois  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

22 September, 2010

Mr. Peter Loughlin, Chair  
Trees & Public Greenery Blue Ribbon Committee  
336 Thaxter Road  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

**RE: Arborvitae at Rock Street Park**

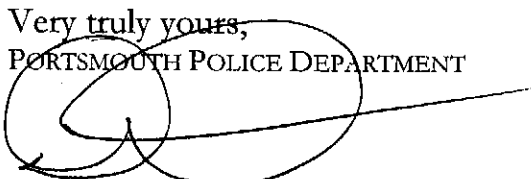
Dear Mr. Loughlin:

We are submitting this request for a review of the above-referenced shrubbery, to obtain approval to have them removed for public safety reasons. These now-overgrown landscape plantings shield the Rock Street Park from the view of neighbors and officers on cruiser patrol in the area around the park.

We have enclosed both aerial and ground-level views of the location for your review. As you can see, the combination of parked cars and overgrown shrubs obscures a clear view of what is going on in the park for the officers. This condition creates quite a dark wall at night which masks unlawful activities. We respectfully request this item be placed on the agenda for the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Trees & Public Greenery Blue Ribbon Committee. We are requesting the go-ahead to arrange for removal of the trees, so that this work may be accomplished before we lose the good weather.

If you have further questions regarding the request, please feel free to contact Deputy Chief Steve DuBois, at: 610-7572, or [duboiss@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:duboiss@cityofportsmouth.com).

Very truly yours,  
PORTSMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

  
David "Lou" Ferland, Chief of Police

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