

**Action Sheet**  
**Trees & Greenery Meeting**  
**November 13, 2013**

(1) Minutes: Consideration of Minutes of October 9<sup>th</sup> deferred until December meeting.

(2) Tree Removal Requests:

Address	Recommendation
60 Decatur Road	Removal Recommended
140 Decatur Road	Removal Recommended
152 Clinton Street	Chair noted desire of abutter, Alan Brady, to preserve the tree if at all possible; correspondence received from Arborist Micum Davis of SunTree recommending removal; Committee recommend removal and planting of new tree(s) in the area.
1374 Islington Street	Removal Recommended

(3) Presentation by Mary Ellen Burke of Discover Portsmouth Center, Booth Hemmingway and Pamela Durack of Piscataqua Landscaping - *Discussed proposal by Piscataqua Landscaping to landscape the area around the Discover Portsmouth Center. Piscataqua is donating time and materials not only to plant, but to maintain the plantings.*

(4) Update on Willard Avenue Plantings - *All 7 trees have now been planted.*

(5) Update on Sewer Separation Contract 3B Plantings - *City still awaiting delivery of trees.*

(6) Update on Route 1-By Pass - *Discussion about high maintenance versus low maintenance vegetation. Further discussion continued until December meeting when construction may have progressed far enough so that location of planting areas will be more clearly identifiable.*

(7) Update on Middle School Plantings - *Continued to future meeting.*

(8) Discussion of 2014 Plantings - *Each member of the Committee will develop a list of 10 tree locations for possible planting in 2014. That list will be submitted and discussed at the December meeting.*

- (9) Discussion of Fertilizing of Large Existing Trees in Areas Impacted by Sewer Separation Construction – *Chair will produce list of possible existing trees for fertilizing in the area of the 3B Separation Contract (Cass/Broad/Merrimack/Lincoln/Miller/Richards/Rockland). AJ Dupere indicated that this type of fertilizing should be low nitrogen as you are trying to promote root growth and not tree growth. There was also a discussion about organic versus chemical fertilizers.*
- (10) Notification of Property Owners of New Planting Sites – *Leslie Stevens will personally notify the owners of property on Willard Avenue and provide them with materials. AJ Dupere will provide materials on tree care that can be distributed by letter by the Committee to owners if new trees are planted in the 3B area this fall. Information on tree care may be placed on the City's website and it was suggested that information be placed on the website indicating it is a violation of the City Ordinance and punishable by a fine to cut a tree in the City right of way without approval of the Public Works Department and/or the Trees & Greenery Committee.*
- (11) New Business:
- *Planting in Burlap – Discussion of the pros and cons of putting trees into the ground still wrapped in burlap. AJ Dupere to provide additional information on this topic.*
  - *Recent Plantings – Todd indicated that 3 trees that were to be planted in the area of the Wright Avenue parking lot could not be planted because of pending construction. As a result, a Sycamore tree was planted on the lot next to Sherburne School; an Elm tree was planted near the Mill Pond and a new Spruce tree was planted near City Hall.*
  - *Woodbury Avenue Pruning – Discussion with Public Works Director Peter Rice and Todd Croteau regarding citizen concern about City's pruning of certain trees in the Maplewood Avenue area. AJ Dupere will look into this and contact the citizen with concern about the Woodbury Avenue pruning.*