

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ***(WITH PHOTOS)***

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE

7:30 AM—Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Portsmouth City Hall, 3rd Floor, City Manager's Conference Room

1. Minutes of the April 9, 2014 Meeting
2. Tree Removal Requests:
 - Spruce Tree at City Hall – **Photo #11**
 - 73 Thaxter Road – **Photo #22**
 - 220 Cass Street – **Photo #36**
 - 478 Lincoln Avenue – **Photo #13**
 - 337 Richards Avenue – **Photo #12**
 - 423 Greenside Avenue – **Photo #19**
3. Planning Board Referral Re: Screening of PSNH Substation Off Route 1 Bypass Near Barberrry Lane
4. Correspondence from Rick Dolce Re: Plantings by City Hired Contractor and Especially Re: 254/255 Cass Street [**254 Cabot – Photo #33; 255 Cabot – Photo #32**]
5. Request of Woodburn & Company Landscape Architecture, LLC to Substitute More Appropriate Species for Five (5) Trees on Deer and Hanover Streets
6. Update on Spring Tree Planting Program
7. Discussion of Request Concerning 122 Rockland Street – **Photo #21 & Email Attached**
8. Update on Route 1 Bypass and Market Street Extension Plantings
9. Landscaping at City Hall and Junkins Avenue
10. Discussion of Preferred Planting Procedures
11. Report on Arbor Day Activities
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Next Meeting-Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Respectfully submitted, Peter J. Loughlin-Chair



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Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com>

FW: New Tree

1 message

Peter H. Rice <phrice@cityofportsmouth.com>

Thu, Apr 24, 2014 at 3:32 PM

To: Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com>, "Todd J. Croteau" <tjcroteau@cityofportsmouth.com>

For the next T&G meeting.

From: Midge Nelson [mailto:mnelson@fredcchurch.com]**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2014 10:12 AM**To:** Peter H. Rice**Cc:** 'Jack Nelson'**Subject:** New Tree

Dear Peter-

There was a new tree planted yesterday in front of our house that will grow to be a very large tree and will obstruct our wonderful view of downtown Portsmouth. I bought my house in 1997 and there has never been a tree in front of it. If the City feels there really needs to be a tree there, we ask that they reconsider and put a smaller ornamental tree. This large tree could go up in the Park by the Tennis Courts. There are two larger trees that were recently planted and this could sit in between them.

We work hard to be a good neighbor to the park. For several years we made the strip of land where the tree was planted an Adopt A Spot and six buckets of flowers to beautify the area. The City asked us to stop because it was hard to mow around them. My husband and I regularly go over and clean up the garbage in Leary Field and the South Mill Pond area. I have swept broken glass up from both the Tennis Courts and Basketball areas because I didn't want anyone getting injured. My husband repaired the picnic table on the hill by the baseball field when a vandal pulled the seat off. I have talked kids off of jumping off the back of the bleachers (they want to jump off and video it for YouTube), reported kids drinking beer and smashing the bottles off the bleachers; basically keeping an eye on the park since we are it's closest neighbor.

When the baseball teams leave the lights on in the bathrooms at Leary Field I go over and shut them off so it won't attract vagrants and call the police to come lock the door. I have done the same thing when the maintenance crew forgets to lock up the shed where they keep the maintenance equipment. I have reported homeless people sleeping in the dugouts and under the bleachers to try to keep the park safe for all the children in our neighborhood who walk past the bleachers on their way to school.

We have worked hard to help the Mavericks establish a home at our ballpark, and the umpires actually change in our garage because under union contracts they are not allowed to change in bathrooms. We held a meeting

at our house last night with the Mavericks and our neighbors to address issues of noise, parking and lighting that concerned some of our neighbors so it could be addressed by the Mavericks.

We hope the City will be a good neighbor to us and re-consider the tree that will grow to block our view.

Respectfully-

Margery (Midge) Nelson

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Portsmouth, NH 03801

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