

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE

7:30 AM - Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Portsmouth City hall, 4th Floor, City Manager's Conference Room

1. Minutes of the April 13, 2016 Meeting
2. Tree Removal Requests:
 - 380 Richards Avenue
 - Langdon Park (3 trees)
 - Myrtle Avenue, back gate to New Franklin School (12 trees)-plan attached
3. Spring 2016 Tree Planting Update
 - Contract status
4. Greenleaf Ave parking lot improvements (plans attached)
5. Tree Boxes-Email from Councilor Pearson and photos attached
6. Arbor Day Program: Thank you to Northeast Shade Tree, Piscataqua Landscaping and Tree Service, The Organic Arborist, Cornerstone Tree Care, and Seacoast Tree Care and Chris Kemp and Micum Davis for organizing the program.
7. Preliminary presentation by Terry Desmarais, Jr., P.E, City Engineer, on impacts of proposed waste water plant construction on trees in area of plant..
8. Status of health of street trees planted during 2015.
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2016



Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com>

Re: May Tree Committee Agenda

1 message

Dennis Souto <densou@comcast.net>

Fri, May 6, 2016 at 12:16 AM

To: Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com>

Cc: "A.J. Dupere" <ajdupere@dred.state.nh.us>, Dan Umbro <umbro.daniel@gmail.com>, Joan Walker <jmwalker643@gmail.com>, "John P. Bohenko" <jpbohenko@cityofportsmouth.com>, Leslie Stevens <marcarvan@comcast.net>, Peter Rice <phrice@pw.cityofportsmouth.com>, Richard Adams <rgadams62@post.harvard.edu>, Todd Croteau <tjcroteau@cityofportsmouth.com>

I'm concerned about the condition of 2 recently planted hophornbeam trees. The one at 200 Cass Street had the dead top cut out. The other one at 15 Wibird Street is better, but the top is still looking poor. Todd/AJ- can you send me a list of locations for other recently planted hophornbeams. I'd like to make sure that we don't have a similar situation like we did with recent honeylocusts.

Also, there are 2 dead recently planted trees by Raleigh Way in Atlantic Heights. These trees never had a chance. AJ and I can disagree (again!) whether it was crappy planting stock or poor planting technique, but either way the city didn't get their money's worth.

Lastly, while checking on the New Franklin school trees I noticed a hazardous big maple in the Myrtle Avenue curve just before the school- across the street from Ken Smith's house. Not sure if it's a city tree. Please have a look if you go there.

Dennis Souto

Sent from my iPad

On May 5, 2016, at 12:48 PM, Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com> wrote:

Attached is a Draft of the Agenda for next week's meeting. Please let me know of any additional items that you would like to see on the Agenda. (No attachments.)

Thank you. Sincerely, Peter

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FW: Myrtle Avenue Topo

1 message

Todd J. Croteau <tjcroteau@cityofportsmouth.com>
To: "Jane M. Shouse" <jmshouse@cityofportsmouth.com>
Cc: Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com>

Mon, May 2, 2016 at 3:25 PM

From: Dave Desfosses
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:06 AM
To: Todd J. Croteau <tjcroteau@cityofportsmouth.com>
Cc: Peter H. Rice <phrice@cityofportsmouth.com>; Eric B. Eby <ebeby@cityofportsmouth.com>;
mbatchelder@seaporteng.com
Subject: FW: Myrtle Avenue Topo

Todd, please tag these 12 trees for removal and put us on the next Trees and Greenery agenda. The City plans to construct a cul-de-sac in this location in order to reroute the school buses to Myrtle from Franklin Dr in order to avoid the Franklin Drive/Woodbury Ave intersection. We would like to receive input from the committee at this meeting in regards to what should be planted here along the edge of the cul-de-sac after construction. We are hoping to construct this during the summer.

Thank you

From: John Chagnon [<mailto:jrc@ambitengineering.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 5:09 PM
To: Dave Desfosses
Cc: Paul Dobberstein
Subject: Myrtle Avenue Topo

Dave,

Attached topo plan and AutoCAD files for the Myrtle Avenue project. if you have any questions please feel free to call Paul Dobberstein at our office.

Thanks,

John Chagnon, PE, LLS

Ambit Engineering



Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com>

Re: tree boxes in Potown

1 message

Nancy Pearson <votencypearson@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 20, 2016 at 11:59 AM

To: Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com>

Great! Do let me know if you need more information, or a proper proposal. I am sure this can be done easily.

Best regards,
Nancy

On Wed, Apr 20, 2016 at 11:57 AM, Peter Loughlin <peter.loughlin@pjllaw.com> wrote:

Nancy:

Thank you for your note and the photos. The tree boxes are a very interesting idea and I will put it on the agenda for the June meeting of the Trees and Greenery Committee. I sometimes drive my wife to distraction as I constantly stop to examine and photograph how other communities plant, maintain and protect street trees, however, I was not familiar with the "tree box" concept.

Sincerely, Peter

On Wed, Apr 20, 2016 at 10:40 AM, Nancy Pearson <votencypearson@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Peter,

As the chair of the Trees and Public Greenspace Committee, I'm writing to you with a proposal that sprung up from a conversation on the City of Portsmouth Community Facebook page. As a city council member, I told the group I would follow up with the appropriate people.

Attached are some pictures of tree boxes used in other cities. The boxes protect the roots of urban trees, extending their life. They also provide a sitting area and shade for people.

Some folks in town have proposed an initiative to do something like this downtown. As you can see from the email below, this is a proposed private-public partnership where a business would supply the materials and labor (even working with area schools if there is interest) and build a tree box that would presumably go in a busy area downtown. I think one of the trees in front of Breaking New Grounds is an obvious choice because there is always seating needed out there.

I'd like to know your thoughts on this idea.

My best regards,

Nancy Pearson
Portsmouth City Council
[603-512-3953](tel:603-512-3953)

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From: **Iiro Lehtinen** <iiro.lehtinen@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 7:37 PM

Subject: tree boxes in Potown

To: votencypearson@gmail.com

Cc: "micum76@me.com" <micum76@me.com>

Hi Nancy,

Following up on Micum's post on FB. Not sure if you know Micum, he is the owner of an awesome local tree company, Cornerstone Tree Care. I would love to propose a public-private partnership to make a promotional tree box in a highly visible spot in Portsmouth to promote the idea, educate the public, and gain momentum while the slow cog of government decision making process gets up to speed... thoughts?

+ CC to Micum

Cheers,
iiro

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Very best regards,

Nancy Pearson
Portsmouth City Council

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Very best regards,

Nancy Pearson
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