

*“There is not a village in America, however badly planned at first, or ill-built afterwards, that may not be redeemed, in a great measure, by the aid of shade trees in the streets ... and it is never too late or too early to project improvements of this kind.”*

Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852)

## **AGENDA**

### **CITY OF PORTSMOUTH TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE 8:00 AM – Wednesday, March 11, 2026 City Hall, Conference Room A and via Zoom**

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1. Acceptance of Minutes for February 11, 2026 meeting
2. Removal requests:
  - Garfield Rd and McKinley Rd: 1 white pine, 4 red maple (single/multi-stem), 2 sweet birch, poor-to-fair conditions, removals requested and recommended by the City. The removal of these trees will allow for intersection improvements and will create a new green space that could support tree plantings. (Look for red tape. Postings are visible from Garfield Rd.)
  - 10 Crescent Way: 2 Norway maple, fair condition, resident request, removals recommended by the City.
    - The larger of the two trees (nearest to the shed) has a basal wound on the house-facing side and a 30' tall crack on the trunk. This crack can be probed to a depth of 6 inches and sapwood feels decayed. The tree has not uniformly sealed the crack. Woundwood has occurred but has not yet formed a rib before moisture and decay entered the tree.
    - The other Norway maple is a bit smaller in diameter and has smaller cracks on its trunk and is not as significant of a defect in comparison to the other. If the other Norway is removed, then this tree should also be removed due to the increased potential wind loading caused by the loss of the neighboring Norway. Increased loading and its top-heavy structure may exacerbate the defect and could cause failure.
3. Landscape plan review and approval:
  - 1465 Woodbury Ave – Tighe & Bond
4. Old Business:
  - Preferred tree planting species list for contractors. Review the attached list of trees and suggest changes.
  - Arbor Day update:
    - On Friday April 24, 2026, at 1:30 PM, Portsmouth DPW will be guiding Robert J. Lister Academy students to plant two sugar maple trees on the north side of the Community Campus near the school entrance.
    - Arbor Day will begin with an introduction and the reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation by the Mayor, or his representative.
    - Lister Academy students and faculty will give a quick overview of their maple syruping facility and the process of turning sap into syrup.
    - Lister Academy students will then break into two smaller groups with DPW arborists who will assist with the tree planting.
    - The event should conclude around 3:00 PM.
5. New Business:
6. Public Comment

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Bagley, Chair