

**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TREES & PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE**



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026, 8 am**

**City Hall Conference Room A**

**1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth NH**

Please register in advance to participate via Zoom:

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**AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Minutes for March 11, 2026 meeting
2. Landscape plan review
  - Portsmouth Middle School food forest: Meghan Rice is requesting the Committee review and approve tree and shrub planting. This installation will allow for outdoor education opportunities and environmental learning.
3. Removal requests:
  - **10 Decatur Rd:** 1 Norway maple, poor condition, tree removal requested and recommended by the City. The central leaders of the tree are declining or dead, and there is decayed wood in the trunk at a leader union. The remainder of the tree is sparse and not vigorous.
  - **678 Middle St:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, tree removal requested and recommended by the City. The central leader of this tree has been irreversibly reduced for utility line clearance. Pruning is possible, but due to the tree's location it will require regular, improper pruning. Replacing this tree with a more appropriate selection can occur in 2027.
  - **726 Middle St:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, tree removal requested and recommended by the City. The central leader of this tree has been irreversibly reduced for utility line clearance. Future pruning and clearance for the road and crosswalk signage will result in a heavily pruned tree. Replacing this tree with a more appropriate selection can occur in 2027.
  - **95 Mechanic St:** 1 Norway spruce, poor condition, removal requested by Portsmouth resident, removal recommended by the City. This tree has been declining for several years, likely caused by environmental stressors.
  - **1003 Woodbury Ave:** 1 apple tree, fair condition, removal requested by Portsmouth resident, removal not recommended by the City. The risk associated with this tree is primarily in the dead leader and branches throughout the canopy. It is estimated that the total amount of dead wood represents 2/5 of the canopy. There are no significant observable defects that would suggest whole tree failure at this time. All dead wood will be removed, the tree will be structurally pruned, and all vines will be removed. The tree will be monitored after pruning.

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4. New Business:
  - Library northwest corner: This site used to be where a large willow and spruce stood but a storm resulted in the removal both, and resident Allen Nelson feels this site is not providing an adequate buffer between the library and residents. Mr. Nelson hopes the City will consider replacing the buffer with trees to more appropriately buffer the two properties. This site has most recently been used as a wildflower and shrub
5. Public Comment

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Bagley, Chair