

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



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026, 8 am

City Hall Conference Room A

1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth NH

Please register in advance to participate via Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0Xce50RPS_uzinXTUljzvw

“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

1. Acceptance of Minutes for May 13, 2026 meeting
2. Tree Removal Requests:

- [67 Ridges Ct](#): 1 Norway maple, good condition, removal requested by Eversource, removal recommended by the City. A new home construction has prompted an upgrade to Eversource infrastructure.
- [330-A Jones Ave](#): 1 white pine, poor condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. This pine located on right of way has a history of leader failure. There are many woodpecker holes along the trunk. A large root appears to have girdled a portion of the trunk.
- [36 Suzanne Dr](#): 1 sugar maple, poor condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. A crack has formed between two leaders, there are decaying cavities, and large woodpecker holes.
- [1877 Islington St](#): 2 green ash, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. The central leaders have likely been girdled by EAB.
- [524 Union St](#): 1 cherry, poor condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. The tree is covered in black knot fungus, and the canopy is very spotty with stress shoots. Many significant cracks are present along the trunk.
- [Peirce Island \(near outdoor pool\)](#): 1 Norway maple, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. The central leader of this tree failed during a recent storm. The remaining canopy shows signs of continued decline.
- [313 Leslie Dr](#): 1 Norway maple, fair condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. A significant leader failed in a recent storm and resulted in 50% canopy loss. It will be necessary to prune the tree, which will result in more canopy loss, and Eversource will continue to prune for clearance.

Removed trees from storm on 5/30/26:

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- [97 Meredith Way](#): 1 Norway maple, poor condition. A significant leader failed in the storm, and at the leader union into the trunk was compromised with rot.

3. New Business:

Urban Forestry Intern: Boden Gendron

- Projects: City beech inventory and BLD monitoring, soil sampling and inventory, soil amendments, mulch volcano patrol.
- Typical duties: tree watering, mycorrhizal inoculant/micronutrient application, daily tasks with Urban Forestry crew.

Discussion of current treatments for BLD, e.g., Arbotech

- Cost to treat BLD, esp. legacy trees

- What approach, if any, can the City take for privately-owned trees.

Background: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treating-beech-leaf-disease.htm>

4. Old Business:

- Tree planting wrap-up: discussion on planting operations for 2026.

5. Public Comment

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Bagley, Chair