

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



WEDNESDAY, JULY 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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"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 June 10, 2026 meeting
2. Tree Removal Requests:
 - [67 Ridges Ct](#), revisiting from 6-10-26:1 Norway maple, good condition, removal requested by Eversource, removal recommended by the City. A new home construction has prompted an upgrade to Eversource infrastructure. Residents of Ridges Ct have accepted the tree removal request and are satisfied with the current proposed plan from Eversource.
 - [270 South St](#): 1 sugar maple, fair condition, removal requested by resident. Recent storm damage has prompted this request. A central leader failed from the top of the trunk and there is now a large wound exposing decayed wood. There are other cracks and cavities along the trunk. The crown of this tree has been raised several times, resulting in a canopy that will be difficult to effectively perform a retrenchment or end-weight reduction prune.
 - [Haven Park](#): 1 eastern hemlock, fair condition, removal requested by resident. The tree located near the center walkway has a basal wound that is decayed, and the canopy is thinning throughout.
 - [Hancock St at Marcy St](#): 1 green ash, 1 black locust, 1 red maple, poor conditions, removals requested and recommended by the City. The ash is showing signs of EAB infestation. Over 12" of the 20" DBH black locust is dead including root damage and decline, and there is some carpenter ant activity. The red maple has declined, and after clearance pruning for the parking lot there will not be much canopy left to sustain the declining tree.
 - [Parrott Ave at Junkins Ave](#): 2 red maple, poor-to-fair conditions, removals requested and recommended by the City. Both trees are exhibiting signs of decline, though one tree can be pruned and monitored, but the other has more significant deadwood and lower in vigor.

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- [Austin St at Union St](#): 1 little-leaf linden, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. Recent storm damage has prompted this request. The tree is significantly declined and suffered from a stem failure.
 - [165 Richards Ave](#): 1 Norway maple, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. Recent storm damage has prompted this request. This tree lost a significant leader resulting in 50% canopy loss, and a defect exists where the remaining leader is attached. The remaining leader has cracks along the stem.
 - [224 Elwyn Ave \(on Sherburne Ave\)](#): 1 Norway maple, fair condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. Recent storm damage has prompted this request. This tree is top heavy and weighted heavily over a structure. The absence of the neighboring tree may cause this tree to experience greater external forces due to the lack of protection.
3. [New Business](#)-- Review of storm and damage that occurred on 6-18-26, including an optional site visit to Haven Park following the Committee meeting.
 4. Public Comment

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Bagley, Chair