

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



WED, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 August 12, 2026 meeting
2. Tree Removal Requests -- Reminder: interacting with the listed address on a computer or smart device will open Google Maps to the location of the tree(s) marked for removal.
 - [105 Essex Ave](#): 1 white ash, poor condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. This large ash tree is declining and exhibiting signs of Emerald ash borer infestation.
 - [238 Austin St](#): 1 corkscrew willow, fair condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. This tree will conflict with the renovation of the new building and there is a metal band at the base of the tree that may girdle it.
 - [Sylvester St \(end of pavement/on paper road\)](#): 1 sugar maple, 1 black cherry, 2 red oak, and 5 white pine, fair conditions, removals requested by Eversource, removals recommended by the City. The removal of these trees will allow Eversource to upgrade all current dated utility infrastructure. This span has never been maintained properly, and additional small and dead trees will need to be removed to effectively manage the utility clearances.
 - [361 Hanover St \(on Rock St\)](#): 1 black locust, fair condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. This tree established next to the building that is slated for significant renovation. The constructed wall will be replaced and there is no meaningful way to protect this tree.
3. New Business –
 - Review of DPW 2027 tree selections and planting program adjustments moving forward.
 - CIP citizen request from Japan-America Society of NH for cherry trees
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Bagley, Chair