

City of Concord
Conservation Commission
Tree Sub-Committee

Minutes of May 7, 2021 Site Visit

Site Walk convened at Storrs Street and S. Main Street intersection at 8 am.

In attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Ted Diers, Craig Tufts, Peter Breu, Zib Corell

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher and Cathy McCommish (Planning), Jim Major, Kevin Demers, and Ryan Rambeau (GSD)

The purpose of the site walk was to identify potential tree locations in the downtown corridor to utilize the \$2500 funds from FY21.

Jim Major reviewed the proposed locations that were emailed prior to the site visit. He indicated that the proposed tree locations were either on State land, private property, or there were utility conflicts. Only one location was on City land; however, that is already slated for a tree planting through GSD funds. After a lot of discussion, it was determined that in order to get the most value from the funds, the area along the Blossom Hill Cemetery frontage was the most viable alternative. On a motion made by Zib Corell, and seconded by Peter Breu, the committee voted unanimously to appropriate the \$2500 towards the tree plantings at Blossom Hill Cemetery.

There was a discussion about the Sustainable Tree Planting program, and how the Committee's funding could be very beneficial to help with cost sharing. Ryan indicated that several people have expressed interest in the program, but cannot afford the cost of the tree. There was discussion about creating a scholarship/grant program to put the funds towards helping property owners that are willing and interested. The goal is to target specific streets, residents only (not commercial properties). Also discussed creating lawn signs to put next to newly planted trees indicating the program and the involvement of the Tree Committee/Conservation Commission. Members agreed to continue this discussion at the next regular meeting on May 27, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Fenstermacher, Asst. City Planner