

City of Concord
Conservation Commission
Tree Sub-Committee

Minutes of June 24, 2021 Meeting
2nd floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street

In attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Ted Diers (chair), John Regan, Zib Corell

Absent: Peter Breu, Craig Tufts

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher (Planning), Angelina Zulkic (General Services), Stefanie Breton (Public Information Officer)

Ted called the meeting to order shortly after 8:00.

1. Minutes of May 27, 2021, were unanimously approved.
2. Sustainable Tree Program
 - a. Review Signage

Members reviewed draft signage that was prepared by Stefanie B. Members selected one design, and made minor edits. Stefanie will revise based on discussion, and Beth will order the signs.

- b. Grants

Members discussed options for how the grant program should work. The consensus was that the committee would fund half of the cost of the tree. There would be no application process, it would apply to all but there will be an option for people to choose whether or not they want the assistance or are willing to cover the cost themselves. Angelina will look at the existing STP application to add a line for applicants to check a box if they are seeking assistance. This option can also be easily added to the See Click Fix online tree request. The grant program will roll out in the fall for Spring 2022 plantings.

The committee will announce the grant program roll out at the August 9th City Council meeting. The presentation will also include an update on the inventory, and asking Council to explore the enforcement policy. The committee will discuss the presentation at their July meeting.

3. Coordinating Tree Planting with Road Improvement Projects

This item was continued to a future meeting, Beth will invite David Cedarholm, City Engineer, to that future meeting.

4. Discussion about engaging with schools

Members discussed who would be the best person to reach out to. Should it be the PTA or other school volunteers to get them to ask the school to raise funds for trees. Matt Cashman would be the facilities person to talk to about how do we promote tree plantings to get the funding for the

schools to do more plantings; Ted will reach out to him. Assistant School Superintendent Donna Palley would also be a good resource; Zib will reach out to her.

5. Tree Inventory

Zib finished the last section of the inventory. Beth will forward that information to Craig to finalize the map.

6. Other Business - none

7. Next Meeting: July 22nd at 8 am

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Fenstermacher, Secretary pro tem