

City of Concord
Conservation Commission
Tree Sub-Committee

Minutes of May 24, 2024 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall Annex, 43 Green Street

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: John Regan, Zib Corell, Craig Tufts, Peter Breu, Craig Tufts, Councilor Stacey Brown, Ted Diers, Rick Chormann, Tom Daigle (late)

Absent: Liz McKinley

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher (Community Development), Jim Major (General Services)

Guest: Steve Winnett

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Minutes of April 26.

The minutes of April 26 were unanimously approved with minor corrections and clarifications.

3. New Business

- a. Delta Dental - Zib had reached out to a contact at Delta Dental to discuss tree planting on Commercial St. as a potential volunteer/donation effort. Delta Dental does not own the land along Commercial St, but with the help of Ryan possibly 3 tree locations were identified in the area.

- b. Homeless Coalition Properties or CATCH Housing – There was discussion on providing trees at locations for housing for underserved communities. CATCH housing, the Housing First site at Pleasant and Liberty streets, NH Community Loan Fund and cooperative housing communities (mobile home parks), Salvation Army at S Fruit St were discussed as options. It was noted the Brochu Nurseries had said to reach out if there is a need or partnership, and perhaps this endeavor could be an opportunity. It was noted CATCH does well with tree planting.

It was also thought that the Salvation Army site and cooperative housing would be good avenues to explore. The committee asked if Ryan could take a look at the Housing First site on Pleasant St for tree planting options. John mentioned that these plantings could be part of an Arbor Day event, and the volunteer maintenance possibilities could be explored.

It was agreed to continue this conversation under old business at upcoming meetings.

4. Old Business

- a. Tree Champion- Ted reported that presenting the tree champion award to Jim Milliken at the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours was a great event and was well received. There were about 150 people present. The Ash on Ash award Peter made was very good and got a lot of attention. It was agreed to follow up with

the Chamber to see how it went and to plan for a future award. Tom agreed to follow up.

- b. Farmer's Market- Zib reported that the committee had a presence at the Farmer's Market and were able to obtain leftover bare root trees from Merrimack County Conservation District to give away. The tree saplings easily drew people in, and they gave away 40-50 bare root trees. Beth noted that we are on a list if extras are available to be donated.

June 15th and 28th are the next Farmer's Markets, but are currently not covered.

- c. Self-Guided Tree Brochure- Stacey had reached out to Stefanie Breton to work on it together but did not connect. Stacey will re-assemble some materials for the brochure share it with Stefanie for her to have a look.

It was agreed it would be great to have a product completed by September 6 when there will be a chance for an Intown Concord First Friday event. It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

- d. Property Owner Outreach- When asked, Jim Major said the process (for reaching out to property owners about tree planting in conjunction with paving projects) worked ok.

Zib reported that at the farmer's market she met a man who lives on Lawrence St and had learned of the tree program and paving program. Jim said he could reach out to the home to discuss tree options or other concerns.

- e. Nursery Tour- It was noted to RSVP to John if you'd like to participate in the tour of the NH State Nursery. It was decided to meet at the Boscawen (exit 17) Park and Ride at 1:30 if anyone would like to carpool.

5. Other Business

- a. Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement- John reported that two trees were planted at Abbott Downing Elementary School. Fourth graders participated. The Dawn Redwood and Bur Oak were in a good spot that will shade a south facing brick wall in a visible area.
- b. Raffle Idea- The group discussed the idea of a raffle. It should be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. Strategic Report- It was thought it would be good to report on the year's progress and strategies at the end of the year.

6. Next Meeting: Friday June 28 8:00AM

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig Tufts

To-Do List

Stacey will share self-guided tree tour info with Stefanie

Reach out to Jon if you're participating in the Nursery Tour – Meet 1:30 Park and Ride Boscawen

Tom to follow up with Chamber re Tree Champion Award