

City of Concord
Conservation Commission
Tree Sub-Committee

Minutes of September 20, 2024 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall Annex, 37 Green Street

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Chair Ted Diers, John Regan, Zib Corell, Steve Winnett, Peter Breu, Stacey Brown

Absent: Tom Daigle, Craig Tufts, Rick Chormann

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

Guests: Liz McKinley (Div. of Forests & Lands)

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Minutes of August 22, 2024 were unanimously approved, with Stacey Brown abstaining, with minor corrections.

3. 2025 Paving Schedule – this topic was postponed for discussion at the next meeting

4. Follow ups

- a. Initiative to plant trees on special housing, coop housing, shelter properties – Zib reported that she has a meeting with Delta Dental in the next week. .
- b. Tree Champion Award – Tom and John had a debrief with the Chamber of Commerce staff to discuss the event in May and to plan for next year’s award. The group agreed to come up with promotional materials. Stefanie will work with Madi at the Chamber and Tom. The subcommittee discussed setting up a work group in the Spring. A time frame should be created to organize the path to the event.
- c. Farmers’ Market updates – John reported that he will cover the 9/21 market, and there is no one signed up for 9/28.
- d. Self-guided tree tour brochure – Stefanie and Beth have the materials from Stacey Brown and are working on edits. Stacey reported that the Japanese Tree Lilac was taken down by the State House, and should be removed from the tour. Steve Winnett stated that he is interested in leading a tour.
- e. Invasive Vines – education/outreach – Steve reported that he spoke to the manager at the Holiday Inn, and they provided contact information for the property manager. It was noted that Steve Duprey purchased the property in August so it will now be a different management company. There was further discussion about education/volunteer opportunities. Subcommittee members should come up with ideas to bring to the next meeting.
- f. Tree “nutrition label” tags – this item was postponed for discussion when Tom is at a

future meeting.

5. New Business
 - a. Merrimack River Greenway Trail – Beth reported that 50 new trees were planted at the new section of the trail.
 - b. Stacey suggested the Tree Subcommittee come up with stickers to hand out to raise awareness around trees. There was discussion about doing a design contest.
6. Other Business
 - a. Strategic report for end of year - This report is due in January for the February City Council Meeting. The report contents will be discussed at the November meeting.
 - b. Next Meeting Date is set for October 18, 2024 at 8 AM.
7. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Fenstermacher