

**City of Concord**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Tree Sub-Committee**

Minutes of October 18, 2024 Meeting  
Council Chambers, City Hall Annex, 37 Green Street

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: John Regan, Zib Corell, Craig Tufts, Stacey Brown, Ted Diers (Chair), Steve Winnett, Rick Chormann (Conservation Commission), Tom Daigle

Absent: Peter Breu, Liz McKinley

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher (Community Development)

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Minutes of September 20.

The minutes of September 20 were unanimously approved.

3. 2025 Paving Schedule

Beth asked the group if we would like to continue our current practice given our past success in planting trees and the work that goes into it. Discussion revolved around making the process more efficient and effective. Zib suggested the long gap in connections with property owners was an issue. Ideas for more effective “touches” to engage residents were discussed, including the idea of door hangers, targeted door knocking, and options for utilizing the request a tree See Click Fix option. It was also noted that it is helpful for committee members to get a look at the neighborhood and learn the city and challenges for tree planting.

Beth noted the next neighborhood to be paved is in the area of Clarke Street. It was agreed to walk the neighborhood on **Thursday November 7 at 3:00 meeting at Clarke St.** Beth will bring the current tree program brochure and sticky notes to send messages to residents.

4. Follow ups

- a. Initiative to plant trees on special housing etc.: Ted reported that he contacted Brochu Nursery about the idea and a partnership. They asked for a write up on the concept, which Ted provided. Brochu said they have worked with Concord Housing before. Limitations to their contributions come down to the time of year. They are busy in spring but fall may be better. A next step is to seek out other partners.

Zib reported she spoke with Ryan at HR at Delta Dental about finding volunteers and sponsorship. He offered to do a blurb for his colleagues to send to their staff, and presumably employees interested in volunteering would get back to us. Zib also reported she could apply for a Delta Dental grant. \$2,000 grants are open and larger \$5,000 grants open two times per year. The grants could cover costs of trees and costs of installation, and may come with Delta Dental volunteers. Zib said she'll need a taxpayer ID for the application. A Brochu estimate is \$500 per tree.

City grants need to go to City Council for approval if the City is the applicant. It was suggested that Brochu could be the applicant, or Concord Housing Authority could be the applicant. Pros and cons were discussed, and it was determined the group would discuss with our partners to find the best approach. The Conservation Commission may also have funds to participate as a partner.

- b. Tree Champion Award- There was no major news to report. Tom joined the Chamber, he plugged the subcommittee and its work at a Young Professionals event. The February or March timeframe will be a good time to drum up interested in nominations and planning. Tom will meet members.
  - c. Farmers Market- John reported that rain spoiled the date he planned to be out there. He discussed possible trees from the State Forest Nursery or Merrimack County Conservation District for the spring. The subcommittee can take that up in March.
  - d. Tree Brochure- There was little movement, as Beth and Stacey agreed it had been hard work. Steve is interested in a winter walk. Ideas were discussed.
  - e. Invasive Vines: Steve reported he called Steve Duprey and connected briefly via text expressing interest in talking but has not yet heard back in more detail. Mark Cheever and Fran Phillippe were invited to the November Trails Committee Meeting to discuss invasives. There are a lot of contacts and resources at UNH Extension to use. The ROPES high school group was considered for a volunteer invasives removal cleanup.
  - f. Tree Tags- Beth went to i-Tree. You can put in a tree in relation to a building and get a printout on the benefits that tree provides. This info could be placed on a tree tag to show benefits. This sounded like a good winter project for the subcommittee. Main St could be the pilot.
5. New Business
- a. Concord Greenspace- There was discussion on connecting with Concord Greenspace and how to work together. John will work with his contacts at Greenspace.
  - b. SWAG Stacey discussed SWAG items for use for Halloween or the holiday season, If anyone has ideas bring them to Stacey. It was noted there was a March deadline for the Farmer's Market.
6. Next Meeting: Friday November 22 8:00AM
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:01am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Craig Tufts