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Conservation Commission Tree Sub-Committee
Council Chambers, City Hall Annex,
37 Green Street (2nd Floor) - Concord, NH 03301
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2025

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Ted Diers (Chair), John Regan, Zib Corell, Councilor Stacey Brown, Steve Winnett, Tom Daigle, Peter Breu, Rick Chormann (Conservation Commission), Liz McKinley

Absent:

Craig Tufts

Staff:

Beth Fenstermacher, Director of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives of Community Development

Stefanie Breton, Public Information Officer

Stephanie McKim, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Diers called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

Adoption of December 27, 2024 Minutes

Ms. Corell requests an edit to name on page two line 21. Chair Diers was in attendance not Mr. Daigle. Ms. Corell moved the approval of the December 27, 2024 minutes. Counselor Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2025 Paving Site Visit Follow Up

List of Trees, Letter, and Outreach Committee

Ms. Fenstermacher updated the list based on the comments from City Arborist Ryan Rambeau. There are 9 potential site locations. Mr. Regan will reach out to the property owners on the list located 14 Fisher Street; 17 & 19 Clarke Street, Counselor Brown will reach out to the property owners located 227 & 274 North Main Street; 5 Engel Street, and Mr. Daigle will reach out to the property owners located at 25 Clarke Street; 2 & 14 Engel Street. Outreach Committee members will contact property owner, distribute informational letter, and assist with any additional questions or guidance property owners may require by April 2025.

Discussion ensued about sign up, tree selection guidance, directing property owners to City of Concord Sustainable Tree Program website, and time frame for tree plantings.

1 **FOLLOW UPS**

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3 **Initiative to plant trees on special housing, coop housing, shelter properties**

4 Ms. Corell reported that contact was made with Executive Director Karen Jantzen with the Coalition
5 to End Homelessness to discuss tree plantings at Pleasant Street property. Ms. Jantzen expressed she
6 would need to research proposal and would reach back out to Ms. Corell at a later point. The biggest
7 hurdle will likely be a reliable water source. Ms. Corell and Chair Diers will look into the Co-Op
8 Housing to see if this may be an option.

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10 **INVASIVE VINES**

11 Mr. Winnett reported he received another point of contact for the Double Tree Hotel location and this
12 new contact does not appear to be a licensed applicator of pesticides or herbicides.

13 Mr. Winnett reported he has not heard back from Rundlett Middle School Principal Mr. Richard and
14 he will follow up with him.

15 Mr. Winnett is putting together an informational handout regarding treatment of invasive vines from
16 the material available through the UNH Cooperative Extension website.

17 Discussion ensued regarding distributing information through local media outlets, timing and
18 treatment of invasive vines, follow up to see if Double Tree is planning to update landscaping or
19 structure through permitting, invasive vines along Interstate 93 and State involvement.

20 Chair Diers will reach out to Kevin Nyhan, Department of transportation - Environmental Bureau to
21 discuss invasive vines and if there is a plan in place at the State level along highway corridors.

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23 **Tree Champion Award**

24 Mr. Daigle distributed drafts of purpose, description, and a nomination form for the upcoming Tree
25 Champion Award to the subcommittee. The drafts will be submitted to Ms. Breton and Greater
26 Concord Chamber of Commerce to incorporate into their respective websites.

27 Mr. Daigle informed the subcommittee that the venue changed from the Grappone Mazda to Endicott
28 Furniture Company.

29 Chair Diers requests Mr. Breu produce the Tree Champion award again this year. Mr. Breu agreed.

30 Mr. Daigle will reach out to the previous Tree Champion award recipient to request their help in the
31 selection process.

32 Discussion ensued about the nomination form deadline being April 1, 2025, selected recipient for
33 Tree Champion submitted to Mr. Breu 3 weeks prior to presentation, and spreading awareness to City
34 Council to participate in the nomination of a Tree Champion.

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36 **Tree "nutrition label" tags**

37 Ms. Fenstermacher reports this is a winter project that the committee will review in the future.

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39 **New Business**

40 Ms. Fenstermacher reported the receipt of a donation from Unitil in the amount of \$250.00 and this
41 will be on the upcoming City Council agenda to accept this donation.

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1 Mr. Regan suggest reaching out to Unitil in March requesting their annual tree donation.
2 Mr. Regan reports speaking with Stephanie Bowser, Program Coordinator for Project SEE Concord
3 School District. Mr. Regan and Ms. Bowser discussed an upcoming celebration in recognition of 50
4 plus 5 years of Project SEE, recognition of the founder Edwina Czajkowski that had recently passed
5 away, and Earth Day. Mr. Regan inquires if the subcommittee would be interested in donating tree(s)
6 for this celebration on White's Farm.

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8 Mr. Regan inquired if the Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement Program is active. Ms. McKinley informed
9 the subcommittee this program is active and application are due March 07, 2025.

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11 Discussion ensued about donations, subcommittee involvement in guidance with the children
12 planting the trees, Unitil's annual tree donations, Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement Program
13 eligibility, and discussing this further on the February agenda.

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15 Mr. Regan will follow up with Ms. Bowser for more information about the Celebration.

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17 Ms. McKinley will share the press release regarding the 2025 Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement
18 Program with Mr. Fenstermacher and the subcommittee.

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20 Chair Diers informed the subcommittee the Norway Maple located behind the Capital Plaza Arch will
21 be coming down. The Arborist can no longer save the tree. A large Spruce tree may replace it but this
22 has not been decided upon yet. Discussion ensued about the subcommittee submitting a
23 recommendation on a suitable tree replacement. A consensus of the subcommittee is the Tulip Poplar
24 would be a better replacement of the Norway Maple.

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26 Next Meeting: Friday February 28, 2025 8:00AM

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28 Mr. Daigle moved to motioned to adjourn. Mr. Regan seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion
29 passed unanimously

30 Meeting adjourned at 9:08 A.M.

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32 Respectfully Submitted,
33 Stephanie McKim, Administrative Coordinator