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Conservation Commission Tree Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2025 @ 8:00 AM
Council Chambers, City Hall Annex,
37 Green Street (2nd Floor) - Concord, NH 03301

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Ted Diers (Chair), John Regan, Zib Corell, Councilor Stacey Brown, Craig Tufts, Peter Breu, Rick Chormann (Conservation Commission)

Absent:

Steve Winnett, Tom Daigle

Staff:

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

Kevin Demers, Highway and Utilities Superintendent of General Services

Chair Diers called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

Adoption of February 28, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Regan moved the approval of the February 28, 2024 minutes. Ms. Corell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOW UPS

Project SEE celebration

Mr. Fenstermacher reported that a tree will be planted at the Project SEE facility on April 24th as part of the Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement Program. Anyone interested in attending should reach out directly to Liz McKinley for details. Mr. Regan reported that the 50 plus 5 celebration will be scheduled for some time in September. Additional information will be shared when available.

2025 Paving Program

Mr. Demers reported that paving will start next week, starting at Clarke Street and heading south. Mr. Regan reported that he spoke with 2 property owners, and left materials at a third. Councilor Brown reported that she spoke with 1 resident that is excited about the opportunity, and that the neighbors told her the owner of the other residence was unwell.

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

Chair Diers reports he has reached out to the contact at New Hampshire Housing for the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund with no success.

Ms. Corell reported she has not heard back from her contacts since sharing information.

1 **Invasive Vines**

2 No update.

3 **Tree Champion Award**

4 Ms. Fenstermacher reported that the focus has shifted to creating a video with ConcordTV that can be
5 shared by the City and the Chamber, and the award can be presented at any time – not during an
6 event. The information is up on the website, the deadline is set as June 15th. Discussing ensued
7 regarding promotion and nominations, including promoting through Concord Young Professionals
8 Network and at the upcoming Business Showcase. Members are encouraged to share wide.

9 **Tree “nutrition label” tags**

10 Ms. Fenstermacher shared an example of the tags. The tags will be placed on 6-8 trees concentrated
11 in the block around Capital Street. She will work with Mr. Regan and Mr. Chormann to install prior to
12 Arbor Day.

13 **Arbor Day Celebration**

14 Ms. Fenstermacher reports Arbor Day is April 25th and the City will plant one tree at Blossom Hill
15 Cemetery, donated by the Modern Woodmen of America.

16 **Unitil Donation**

17 Ms. Fenstermacher reported she reviewed the species available, and the majority were shrubs. Also,
18 General Services and Parks staff do not currently have the capacity to plant any materials received.
19 She said she will follow up with David Gill about finding a location for a shrub or 2 to be planted as
20 part of an Eagle Scout project.

21 This opened up a discussion about how opportunities like this create additional work for City Staff,
22 who do not have capacity to take on additional work. Ms. Corell suggested the idea of a “Tree Corps” –
23 an organized group of volunteers that could take on the planting and logistics. Ms. Corell and Mr.
24 Regan will work together to follow up on this idea.

25 **New Business**

26 Ms. Fenstermacher reported that Discover NH Wild Day is on April 19th at Fish & Game headquarters.

27 Councilor Brown reports the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee (EEAC) will be hosting an
28 Earth Day event on April 21st at 6 pm at the Citywide Community Center. Several representatives
29 from City Council and other City committees will be presenting various updates on sustainability
30 initiatives.

31 Councilor Brown reported that she will be hosting a Tree Tour with Bob Pollock on May 2nd as part of
32 the Intown First Friday event. Mr. Regan stated that he would like to see these tours be a City event.

33 Next Meeting: Friday May 23rd, 2025 8:00AM

34 Mr. Regan moved to motioned to adjourn. Ms. Corell seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion
35 passed unanimously

36 Meeting adjourned at 8:47 A.M.

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38 Respectfully Submitted,
39 Beth Fenstermacher, Director of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives