



**CITY OF CONCORD**  
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**Conservation Commission Tree Sub-Committee**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**May 23, 2025 @ 8:00 AM**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall Annex,**  
**37 Green Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) - Concord, NH 03301**

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Craig Tufts, Steve Winnett

Staff:

Beth Fenstermacher, Director of Special Projects & 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 April 4, 2025 Minutes**

Mr. Regan moved the approval of the April 4, 2024 minutes as written. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Farmers Market**

Mr. Diers reported that he has received White Pine and Red Oak bare root trees from Merrimack County Conservation District to distribute at the Farmers Market. Ms. Corell presented the posters she had made up as part of the display; she will coordinate with Mr. Breu who will construct a base to hold the posters. Members signed up for the following dates: Mr. Diers and Mr. Daigle on 5/31; Ms. Corell on 6/7; and Mr. Regan on 6/14. Ms. Brown asked about handing out tree tour maps. Mr. Diers suggested holding off and discussing at a future meeting.

**FOLLOW UPS**

**Project SEE celebration and Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement Program**

Mr. Regan reported that a Serviceberry tree was planted at the Project SEE facility on April 24<sup>th</sup> as part of the Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement Program. Students from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Broken Ground assisted and were very engaged. They also prepped a pollinator garden. Mr. Regan reported

1 that the 50 plus 5 celebration will be scheduled for some time in September. Additional information  
2 will be shared when available.

3 Ms. McKinley reported that three fruit trees will be planted at Concord High School on May 28 at 10  
4 am as part of the Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement Program.

### 5 **2025 Paving Program**

6 Mr. Demers reported that paving is almost completed. Ms. Fenstermacher reported that one resident  
7 on N. Main Street submitted for a tree. There was confusion about what type of tree she could get as it  
8 wasn't entirely clear. Based on feedback from the City Arborist, Ms. Fenstermacher suggested that the  
9 materials for next year include a list of trees that residents can select from. Mr. Regan inquired if  
10 follow up was needed with the Clarke Street resident. Mr. Demers stated he wasn't sure if there was  
11 any capacity left for planting trees this year.

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

13 Chair Diers reports he has reached out to the contact at the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund  
14 with no success. Ms. Corell reported she can reach out to a contact that she has within the  
15 organization.

### 16 **Invasive Vines**

17 No update.

### 18 **Tree Champion Award**

19 Ms. Daigle reported that the information is up on the City website and that June 15<sup>th</sup> is set as the  
20 deadline. There was discussion about reaching out to ConcordTV when Stefanie Breton returns in  
21 July. Members Mr. Daigle, Mr. Regan, and Ms. Brown will sit on the selection committee. Mr. Daigle  
22 will work with the Chamber to identify someone to join the selection committee. Mr. Breu will be  
23 away in July, he requested he be kept in the loop for timing to create the award. Ms. Fenstermacher  
24 will forward nominations to Mr. Daigle for him to coordinate with the selection committee.

### 25 **Tree "nutrition label" tags**

26 Ms. Fenstermacher reported that the tree tags were installed by her and Mr. Regan on 8 trees  
27 downtown.

### 28 **New Business**

29 Mr. Regan reports that he has been invited to the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Greenspace Coalition meeting to talk  
30 about potential involvement in a "Tree Corps" and to address some updates to the Tree section of  
31 their website. Ms. Fenstermacher will provide some suggested updates for him to bring to the  
32 meeting.

33 Councilor Brown reports that the Women's Club reached out to her about obtaining a tree for the  
34 property on Pleasant St., and what program could pay for this. There was discussion that they would  
35 have to pay for the tree if it was through the Sustainable Tree Program, and that the tree would need  
36 to be within the right-of-way (approx. 10 feet from the edge of sidewalk). Ms. Fenstermacher  
37 suggested that this may be a good candidate for the free trees the City is able to access through Unutil.  
38 It will have to wait until next Spring since the deadline to obtain trees for this year has passed.

39 Ms. McKinley suggested that the City may want to consider participating in the City Nature Challenge  
40 in the Fall. It is a nationwide event that Nashua and 3 other NH communities participated in this May.  
41 Organization for 2026 starts in September. Ms. Fenstermacher suggested included the Conservation  
42 Commission.

43 Next Meeting: Friday June 20, 2025 8:00AM

1 Mr. Diers motioned to adjourn. Ms. Brown seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed  
2 unanimously.

3 Meeting adjourned at 8:57 A.M.

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5 Respectfully Submitted,  
6 Beth Fenstermacher, Director of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives

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