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Conservation Commission Tree Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 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 (arrived 8:19), Tom Daigle, Liz McKinley

Absent:

Steve Winnett, Rick Chormann (Conservation Commission)

Staff:

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

Kevin Demers, Highway and Utilities Superintendent of General Services

Stephanie McKim, Administrative Coordinator

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

Adoption of May 23, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Corell, Mr. Regan and Mr. Daigle suggested edits to the May 23, 2025 minutes. Ms. Corell moved the approval of the amended May 23, 2025 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOW UPS

1. Farmers Market

Chair Diers reported the Farmer's Market has had consistent rainy weather. Ms. Corell inquired about the public response to the signage and bare roots trees. Mr. Daigle responded they had good engagement and were able to give away a couple of trees. Ms. Corell was able to disperse the remaining trees. She expressed it was a good mechanism to speak with attendees and also mentioned the tree tags that are on street trees located near the Farmer's Market. Ms. Corell stated she had spoken with a representative of the Lion's Club. The Lion's Club had a table at the State House plaza and she had wondered if the tree committee should connect with the Lion's Club in the future. Ms. Fenstermacher stated the Lion's Club had donated trees in the past for Rollins Park. Chair Diers suggested looking at fall dates to set up at the Farmer's Market. Councilor Brown suggested designing and distributing tree committee stickers. Chair Diers suggested his daughter

1 may be able to design a sticker for the committee. Chair Diers stated the stickers would be funded by
2 donation.

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

4 Chair Diers reported he has not made any progress. Ms. Corell stated she spoke with Martha Dickey of the
5 New Hampshire Community Loan Fund. Ms. Dickey stated she would have a representative for Resident
6 Owed Communities (ROC) reach out with recommendation on which of the three communities they feel
7 would be the best fit.

8 Chair Diers stated it would be best to start looking at the sites to determine if there is a location best suited
9 for planting trees before speaking with a ROC board. He reported the tree committee would facilitate
10 sourcing of trees, labor to plant the trees, and educations on maintenance. Once Ms. Corell hears back from a
11 representative from ROC, a committee member will reach out to the contact to set up a meeting to visit sites
12 and discuss options.

13 **3. Invasive Vines**

14 No update.

15 **4. Tree Champion Award**

16 Mr. Daigle reported there are four nominations for the Tree Champion award currently. He stated the
17 selection committee will need to meet in the upcoming weeks to select the recipient. Mr. Daigle stated he
18 was unsure which representative from the Chamber would be a good candidate for the selection committee.
19 Ms. Fenstermacher suggested a civil engineer working with Wilcox and Barton may be a good selection
20 committee candidate. Chair Diers recommended Ms. Fenstermacher reach out to Madison Hendrick of the
21 Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce (GCCC) to discuss a GCCC selection committee candidate. Mr. Breu
22 inquired about lead time from selection to presentation. Mr. Daigle stated the selection would be made by
23 the end of June, the first two weeks in July he would reach out to Concord TV and work out a schedule for the
24 nominee presentation with the assistance of Stefanie Breton. He stated he predicts he will have the
25 information for the production of the award to Mr. Breu by the third week in July. Chair Diers stated the
26 committee would need to acquire a funding source for the award.

27 **5. Schoolyard Canopy Enhancement Plantings**

28 Ms. McKinley reported three fruit trees have been planted at the high school with a little retaining wall and
29 native plants around the base. Mr. Regan stated the post planting watering has begun through Project SEE and
30 that will continue for the next 12 weeks.

31 **6. Greenspace Coalition – 6/23 meeting**

32 Mr. Regan reported he will be meeting with Susan Woods and Aaron Fracht-Monroe of the Greenspace
33 Coalition regarding some of the information on their website that he felt needed to be updated. He reported
34 he hopes to discuss community planning tree corps and inquire if the Greenspace coalition members would
35 be interested in joining in with that. Mr. Regan reported he sent them a copy of the annual report that was
36 provided to the City Council so Greenspace can review what the tree subcommittee has been working on.

37 **New Business**

38 Mr. Regan reported that two trees that were planted at the school administrative office had been damaged
39 by a contracted landscaping service last year. He had added more mulch and continued to water them. One
40 tree along Center Street is doing ok however, the second tree located on School Street doesn't look like it is
41 going to survive. Chair Diers suggested replacement. Mr. Regan suggested the landscaper that was
42 contracted by the school should be held responsible for replacing the damaged tree since the City previous
43 paid for that tree.

1 Discussion ensued regarding the tree program, quantity of trees planted per season, before and after photos
2 of trees planted through the tree program added to the website, and monitoring after care.

3 Councilor Brown reported she had spoken with Shawn Lafrance whom had assisted with planting trees in
4 White park. He inquired about a map to identify trees that have been planted. Ms. Corell mentioned some of
5 the tree have labels. Councilor Brown acknowledged the label and reported some of the labels are ingrown
6 at this point. Councilor Brown suggested this would be a great opportunity in the fall to get a group together
7 to identify these trees in White Park to prepare the map. Chair Diers suggested revisiting this at a later time.

8 Ms. Corell inquired about pricing for the sustainable trees and what is the current waitlist. Mr. Demers did
9 not have the numbers but would research and report back. He reported the waitlist is not that long at the
10 time of this meeting. Ms. Fenstermacher reported that as pricing increases, the City's capacity to provide
11 additional funding through the Trust Fund diminishes. Mr. Regan inquired about reserve funds. Ms.
12 Fenstermacher did not have those numbers. Chair Diers stated that would be a good conversation to have in
13 the near future.

14 Chair Diers reported there have been a couple of instances where large quantities of trees have been cleared.
15 Some of these lots have been cleared without the proper permitting through City/State. He requested the
16 committee notify him if they notice quantities of tree being cleared so he can look into it as a representative
17 of NH Department of Environmental Services.

18 Next Meeting: Friday August 22, 2025 8:00AM

19 Mr. Regan moved to motioned to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously

20 Meeting adjourned at 8:57 A.M.

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22 Respectfully Submitted,

23 Stephanie Mckim, Administrative Coordinator