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**Conservation Commission Tree Sub-Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 26, 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, Craig Tufts, Tom Daigle, Steve Winnett

Absent:

Peter Breu, Liz McKinley, Rick Chormann

Staff:

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

Kevin Demers, Highway and Utility Superintendent

Stephanie McKim, Administrative Coordinator

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

**1. Adoption of August 22, 2025 Minutes**

Mr. Regan moved the approval of the August 22, 2025 minutes. Mr. Tufts seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**2. Farmers Market**

Councilor Brown and Mr. Winnett attended the Farmer's market. Councilor Brown reported Ms. Corell provided a cut of the bittersweet vine to use as a visual aid at the Farmers Market. Mr. Winnett reported he had two photos provided by Ms. Fenstermacher and Ms. Breton and he mounted them on a lawn sign to show how the bittersweet vine would encircle the host plant and envelop the host tree. These visual aids were well received at the Farmers Market.

**3. Invasive Vines**

Mr. Winnett reported people were interested in learning more about invasive vine treatments at the Farmers Market and expressed his desire to put something together that consolidates the information to key points.

Ms. Fenstermacher reported NH D.O.T., Penn State, NH invasive species society and has others have handouts regarding invasive vines treatments and this information could be used to provide a summary. Chair Diers reported he will reach out to the state's invasive species coordinator for more information as well. This committee can work on provided a summary as a project over the winter. Councilor Brown inquired if NHTI has a student that could work on this as a capstone project. Chair Diers will be speaking to a class next month and he will discuss this with the instructor.

Discussion ensued around the invasive vine summary document and coordinating with other resources available. Ms. Fenstermacher suggested that Mr. Winnett reach out to Jo Russavage at UNH Cooperative Extension for advice prior to the next meeting.

1 **4. Tree Champion Award**

2 Mr. Daigle reported he will follow up with Havenwood Heritage Heights and the chamber of commerce regarding the  
3 Tree Champion award event after October 1. This will be a small presentation held at Havenwood Heritage Heights with  
4 the residents and staff, the Chamber staff, Concord TV and City staff. It was suggested that the presentation of the award  
5 be shared through Chamber channels afterwards.

6 **5. Greenspace Coalition**

7 Mr. Regan reported he did reach out again to CG<sup>3</sup> (Concord Greenspace) to meet to discuss the Tree subcommittee  
8 providing a write up to put on their Urban Canopy Initiative page on their website or to take down the information they  
9 currently have listed. He has not received a response and will continue to follow up with CG<sup>3</sup>.

10 **6. Tree Corps**

11 Mr. Regan reported the idea for Tree Corps generated around gather volunteers for community projects like tree  
12 plantings, or invasive species. Chair Diers reported it would be best to connect with a contact that manages volunteers  
13 already as it is time intensive to manage these types of volunteer groups and it could be something this committee could  
14 continue to review as projects comes along. Ms. Fenstermacher reported UNH Cooperative Extension has a volunteer  
15 group called Nature Groupie. Projects can be posted and it will be sent out to their listserv for volunteers. Councilor  
16 Brown volunteered to reach out to Nature Groupie to sign up.

17 **7. Other Business**

18 Chair Diers reported he will be reaching out again to the Conservation Commission Chair to discuss getting on a future  
19 agenda to provide an update to the Commission.

20 **8. New Business**

21 Mr. Regan reported he has not contacted Unutil regarding grants at this point, but will reach out.

22 Mr. Regan reported at the previous meeting this committee had discussed Feathered Friends doing a donation  
23 fundraiser. He has not discussed this any further with the owner but would like to continue to touch base on this.

24 Next Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 8:00AM

25 Mr. Daigle moved the motion to adjourn. Mr. Regan seconded. The motion passed unanimously

26 Meeting adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

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28 Respectfully Submitted,

29 Stephanie Mckim, Administrative Coordinator