

Action Sheet
Trees & Public Greenery Committee
March 12, 2014

- (1) Minutes of the February 12, 2014 Meeting: *Accepted*
- (2) Tree Removal Requests:
 - Langdon Park (Sugar Maple behind 55 Kent Street): *Recommended*
 - 225 Borthwick Avenue – Liberty Mutual; 17 Sugar Maples: *Recommended; Chair to send letter to Liberty Mutual confirming.*
 - 64 Mount Vernon Street – Multiple Trees: *Removal of Spruce tree recommended; Committee to examine other trees in alleyway next to 64 Mount Vernon and consider at next meeting.*
- (3) Presentation/Update on Sagamore Avenue Improvements: *Presentation by Phil Corbert of CMA Engineers and Jeff Hyland of Ironwood Design Group; project at the present time dealing with the area from South Street to Little Harbor Road; extensive public hearing with neighbors expressing concern about preservation of trees and especially green strip between sidewalk and street; COMMITTEE TO HOLD SPECIAL SITE WALK ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19TH, 2014 AT 8:30 A.M.*
- (4) Spring 2014 Plantings: *List prepared by Dick Adams and Leslie Stevens; Leslie to finalize list and it will be circulated to Committee.*
- (5) Requests Concerning 353 Miller Avenue: *Committee to review request for removal and replanting.*
- (6) Tree Planting Request – 1 Denise Street, Maplehaven (Request for 2 Trees): *Request placed on list.*
- (7) Update on Lafayette Road/Market Street Extension Improvements: *Continued to April meeting.*
- (8) Tree Planting Procedures – Burlap/Bare Roots/Fertilizer, Etc: *Information on standards developed by the American National Standards Institute distributed to the Committee by AJ Dupere and recommended that those standards be implemented in planting of City's trees. It was suggested that Standard 64.5.5 be implemented "all root ball supporting materials should be cut away from the top third of the root ball and removed from planting whole prior to final backfilling"*
- (9) Old Business: *None*
- (10) New Business: *None*

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*“There is not a village in America, however badly planned at first,
or ill-built afterwards, that may not be redeemed, in a great measure,
by the aid of shade trees in the streets ... and it is never too late
or too early to project improvements of this kind.”*

Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852)

March 17, 2014

Carl Cressey, FMA, CFM
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Dear Mr. Cressey:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2014 addressed to Todd Croteau, General Foreman of the Portsmouth Public Works Department. Your request for removal of trees was considered by the Trees & Greenery Committee at its March 12th meeting and it was unanimously voted to approve your request for removal of 17 Maple trees and the replacement of 14 Pin Oaks.

Liberty Mutual's commitment to creating and maintaining an attractive campus in Portsmouth is well documented and very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing the attractiveness of the Liberty Mutual site improved even further with the addition of the 17 Pin Oaks.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

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Cc: Trees & Greenery Committee

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