

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY  
7:30 AM – Friday May 2, 2008  
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Adams at 7:30 a.m.

Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director  
June Rogers, Member

Richard Adams, Vice Chair  
Carla Marvin, Member

Also present was David Moore, Assistant Community Development Director.

1. Tree Removal Request and Public Hearing – Removal of three trees on the Sagamore Conservation parcel. David Moore described the project of the Sagamore Creek Headlands property, which is a City owned conservation parcel behind Seacoast Mental Health Center on Sagamore Ave. purchased in 2003. David Moore showed the Committee maps of the property and images of the three trees. He explained that the City, through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), would undertake projects that would increase access to open space parcels as well as provide increased water access. As part of this the City applied for and received a land and water conservation grant fund to build a canoe/kayak dock on this parcel. A canoe/kayak trail has been created, anchored by the boat launch at Peirce Island and a new dock at the terminus of the Sagamore Headlands trail. There will also be public access at BG's. The Society for Protection of NH Forests, owner of Creek Farm, has agreed to post signage there at Beach Lake. They presently have a dock that is not for public use, but there is another area for a dock as part of this project. The proposed canoe/kayak dock with a 30 foot-long ramp at the Sagamore Headlands will connect to upland decking for picnic use. There are three (3) pine trees no bigger than 5" caliper, one of which is dead, two are alive. These three trees need to be removed for placement of the 8 ft by 20 ft dock. Portions of the dock are being built off site and it will soon be ready to go in with signage following and a big unveiling planned.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to grant the request to remove these three trees on city owned parcel for the installation of the canoe/kayak dock. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.

Dick Adams asked that for inconsequential trees in unpopulated areas on City property is there a need for a public hearing?

Steve Parkinson stated our position is that if it is a City owned tree we post it. Suggested that this should be discussed further when all members and the City Manager are present.

2. Next Meeting—7:30 am, Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Richard Adams  
Vice-Chairman