

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY  
7:30 AM – Wednesday July 9, 2008  
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room**

**Call to Order:**

Peter Loughlin, Chair	Richard Adams, Vice-Chair
John Bohenko, City Manager	A.J. Dupre, Community Forester
Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director	June Rogers, Member
Everett Kern, General Foreman	

Also present were Patrick Crimmins, Appledore Engineering, Jack Peduzzi, Altus Engineering and a Monroe Street resident.

Peter Loughlin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

1. **Acceptance of the Minutes** – Minutes of the June 11, 2008 meeting was accepted as presented.

1. **Tree Removal Requests:**

**Lafayette School** (trees have been marked by Everett) - **MOTION** made by City Manager to suspend the rules and move on to the next item.

Mr. Jack Peduzzi reported that the drawings were not ready as the Civil Engineer is on vacation. Mr. Peduzzi stated that he and Everett walked around the school observing the trees that were marked and the Housing Authority's crew removed all the ivy from the building. The walk through is scheduled for next Monday, bids are due July 25<sup>th</sup> and have asked them to hold their bids for 60 days rather than 90 as it would cost the project more and are hoping to close and start construction at the end of September.

Everett Kern does not have any issues stating that most of the trees tagged are growing out of the foundation or next to the foundation or are dead.

As the resident of Monroe St. was concerned about the number of trees coming down and the ones shading his property, Mr. Peduzzi offered to walk around with him showing him what they are planning and explained they are trying to keep all the bordering trees to the extent possible.

The Chair asked Mr. Peduzzi to provide him with copies of the plans showing existing conditions and the trees that are to be removed, which the Chair will scan and forward to the members.

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to table until next month. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion passed.

3. **Commerce Center Road Upgrade** – Patrick Crimmins, Appledore Engineering – Mr. Crimmins reviewed the proposed upgrade and improvement of the roadway by reconstructing the roadway by City of Portsmouth standards and ultimately turning ownership over to the City if the roadway is accepted once it is constructed. To include reconstruction of pavement sections, addition of 5 ft concrete sidewalks for pedestrian access, benches throughout the park, pulling out all of the wires from the poles and placing underground. A large part of this is the landscaping improvements. This Committee recommended the variation of species throughout the park, primarily the strip. Mr. Crimmins changed the flowering pear trees throughout by including multiple species throughout the entire roadway. Mr. Crimmins showed the members updated plans. Hopefully the time line for construction will be September 2008. Mr. Parkinson stated that the intent is to get as much of the underground work done in late fall, early winter.

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to approve the plans as presented. Seconded by Everett Kern. Motion passed.

4. **Request to place trees in pots on sidewalk** – 172 Hanover Street – Northern Tier Real Estate Acquisition and Development, John J. Dussi (may be withdrawn) – The City Manager will check to see if the request for the trees has been withdrawn. The chair stated if they wanted to put the trees in they would need to amend their request to the City Council.
5. **Preliminary discussion of the status of the following trees:** The chair stated these trees had not been tagged for renewal.
  - 305 Union Street – The tree is healthy although it is leaning, it is healthy. The consensus is the tree stays.
  - 605 Lincoln Avenue (at Park Street) – The complaint was bug infestation and a limb was growing over the house. The Chair suggested the members look at this tree regarding infestation and if the limb could be trimmed back.
  - Sycamore Tree – Sheffield at Hampshire – The tree is healthy and the Chair will write a letter.
6. **New Business:**
  - (A) 61 Park St. – The resident does not want the tree removed but are concerned about the bug infestation and if it is a hazard. Everett Kern reported that the bugs have been taken care of and there were no carpenter ants.
  - (B) 407 Union St. – There is a tree that was planted a year or two ago with half the roots exposed because of erosion and could use soil.
  - (C) 640 Middle St. - There is a small flowering tree that is completely dead.
  - (D) 472 Middle Rd. – There is a dead cherry tree that he thinks is on private property and a lot of the limbs are overhanging the road.
  - (E) The Chair congratulated the Public Works Department on the Hay Market Square planting, it looks very nice.
7. **Next Meeting**—7:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2008

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Loughlin, Chair