

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY  
7:30 AM – Wednesday, November 12, 2008  
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room**

**Call to Order:**

Peter Loughlin, Chair	Everett Kern, General Foreman
Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director	June Rogers, Member
Richard Adams, Vice-Chair	Carla Marvin, Member

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

- 1. Acceptance of the Minutes** – Minutes of the October 8, 2008 were accepted as presented.

- 2. Tree Removal Requests:** The Chair provided photographs of the following trees.  
160 Cass Street – Everett Kern reported the Silver Maple tree was trimmed back and the resident is requesting removal. The tree was not posted as Mr. Kern did not see a reason for the tree to be removed and Mr. Adams agreed. Mr. Kern stated that more trimming could be done but feels removal is not justified.

**MOTION** made by June Rogers to deny the request for removal. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion passed.

10 Essex Avenue (2 trees) – One tree is on Essex and one is on Melbourne. Everett Ken reported both trees look like they should come down. The Melbourne side is 90% dead at the top as well as the other tree and in anticipation of these two trees coming down, two new trees have been put in.  
Richard Adams

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to remove both trees. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion passed.

57 Haven Road – The Chair referred to the discussion last month of the problem on the north side of the Silver Maple. Richards Adams reported that he looked at this tree and felt the one farther down the street was in worse shape. There is a cavity that holds water, there is new growth on the top and will bud out in the spring. The homeowner would like to save this tree, would not mind the one to the right of it. Richard Adams sees no urgent need to take it down and suggested to defer this for AJ to look at it for his opinion.

**MOTION** made by Richard Adams to defer taking it down until AJ looks at it. Seconded by Carla Marvin. Motion passed.

- 3. Landscaping at State Street/Daniel Street Park** – The chair asked if the improvements are tied to the bridge construction or independent of the bridge.  
Steve Parkinson responded that they are moving forward with State St. work independently of the bridge, they are making provisions for additional trees in that corridor, widening the sidewalks, narrowing the travel lane and keeping the parking.  
Mr. Parkinson stated there was a public informational meeting with residents and businesses and are in the design stages now. Mr. Parkinson will check with Mr. Rice to see what stage we're at and if there are drawings available, it is all conceptual right now.
- 4. Memorial for Clotilde Straus** – Steve Parkinson reported he has not heard anything, will check on this and report back.
- 5. Old Business – Tree Ordinance** - Dick Adams asked the Chair if he heard anything. The Chair reported he has not and will check with the City Attorney.

**255 Union Street** – Everett Kern reported that AJ was going to look at this tree that is leaning and does not know whether he has and will contact AJ  
Steve Parkinson is concerned with this tree and it will be looked at again.

**Volunteer Plantings** – Richard Adams referred to the new plantings. Everett Kern reported 22 trees from Salmon Falls Nursery and 6 trees from Dan Rawling, all of which are planted. The Chair wrote a letter of appreciation to Salmon Falls and will write a letter to Mr. Rawling.

**6. Next Meeting – 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

**7. Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin-Chairman