

**TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE  
City of Portsmouth**

**MINUTES**

**7:30 AM – Wednesday, January 13, 2016  
Portsmouth City Hall**

**Members Present:** Peter J. Loughlin, Chairman; Richard Adams, Vice-Chairman; Peter Rice, Director of Public Works; A. J. Dupere; Leslie Stevens and Dennis Souto.

**Members Excused:** Todd Croteau, Public Works General Foreman

*Chairman Loughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.*

**1. Minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting.**

*The December 9, 2015 minutes were **approved** by unanimous vote.*

**2. Tree Removal Requests:**

365 Lang Road (dead/dying) – requested by resident:

Mr. Dupere stated that the tree had been hit by vehicles several times because it was on the edge of the road. The Committee briefly discussed whether it should be removed or pruned.

Chairman Loughlin asked for a motion. *Mr. Rice moved that the tree be removed, and Vice-Chair Adams seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

212 Miller Avenue (limb hit by a truck exposing heartwood in the trunk) – requested by DPW:

Chairman Loughlin asked for a motion. *Vice-Chair Adams moved that the tree be removed, and Mr. Souto seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

**3. Spring 2015 Tree Planting**

Chairman Loughlin told the Committee that Ms. Stevens was finalizing the tree planting list. Ms. Stevens said she would distribute it to everyone. Mr. Rice said he could put the bid together and could have it ready by the following month for review. He noted that the target date for planting was the end of April. The Committee further discussed whether they could be more descriptive regarding the time of planting.

Chairman Loughlin asked that the planting be done between April 15 and May 15. Ms. Stevens said that she would finish the list that day. The Committee discussed the bidding process.

**4. Update on Chinese Elm Removal at 67 Crescent Way**

Chairman Loughlin stated that the tree was already removed.

**5. Update on Activities of Public Works Crew**

Chairman Loughlin told the Committee that Corin Hallowell was pruning in Langdon Park. Mr. Dupere said Mr. Hallowell had removed a birch tree and some tree stumps.

Ms. Stevens noted that the Norway maple near 15 Union Street was still standing, even though the Committee had voted to remove it.

Chairman Loughlin asked whether the tree on Peter Bergh's property had been removed, and Mr. Rice said they were having difficulties bringing equipment in because the ground was still wet.

**6. Old Business**

Vice-Chair Adams asked whether there was any progress on the report for the City Council. Chairman Loughlin replied that he was trying to get a list of the trees that were planted by the City and thought that the Committee could include the ones planted through the contracts. He said it would only be the trees that the Committee was involved in. Mr. Souto asked whether the Committee had done one the previous year, and Chairman Loughlin said they had not. Vice-Chair Adams emphasized that it was a good idea to submit a report to the City Council. Mr. Rice noted that annual reports were usually done with a brief presentation and said it could be an opportunity to highlight what the Committee did.

Chairman Loughlin stated that he would get the report done, and then the Committee members would decide what they would do.

**7. New Business**

Ms. Stevens said she had a list of trees that the Committee wanted to revisit and noted that there were half a dozen trees to be posted for the next meeting.

**8. Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Breault  
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the February 10, 2016 Trees & Greenery Committee Meeting.