

*“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)

***AGENDA***  
**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**  
**TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE**  
**8:00 AM – Wednesday, October 8, 2025**  
**City Hall, Conference Room A and via Zoom**

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1. Acceptance of Minutes for September 10, 2025 meeting
  2. Removal requests:
    - **1140 South St:** 1 American elm, fair condition, removal requested by resident. The resident at 1124 South St is requesting the tree be removed due to difficulty seeing traffic on South St. The tree has a thinning canopy and a bit of deadwood.
    - **141 Colonial Dr:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, removal requested by resident. The resident is requesting tree removal because they feel it is not safe, and a previous house-facing leader failed some time ago.
    - **224 Elwyn Ave** (on Sherburne Ave): 1 Norway maple, fair condition, removal requested by resident. A limb failed into the resident’s driveway on 9-25-25, and they would like it removed for safety reasons. The top portion of the canopy is declining and there are vertical minor vertical cracks and exposed wood.
    - **508 Richards Ave** (in backyard): 1 crab apple, poor condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. There is a large cavity in the base of this tree, there are large dead branches, and it overhangs a neighboring driveway. A branch failed several years ago and the resident is concerned of overall safety.
- See Meeting Packet for images of the trees or review using the [Portsmouth Public Tree Viewer](#) to sort for trees proposed for removal.
3. New Business
    - Discussion on the topic of Miyawaki Forests or “Pocket Forests”
      - SUGi Project
    - Discussion on receiving arboretum status for park or facility
      - ArbNet Accreditation Program
  4. Old Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bagley, Chair