



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **2nd Floor Conference Room** - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, October 5, 2020
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows, Rick Schnable, Robert Atwood, Amy Kramer-Perry, Anna Boudreau

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Durfee, Kyle Pimental

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Fellows noted that the date on the March minutes needed to be corrected. Boudreau motioned to approve the 03/02/20 minutes as corrected, Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: 5 in favor

3. OVERVIEW OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) STREET TREE INVENTORY PROJECT AND REVIEW OF DATA COLLECTED DURING INVENTORY – LIZ DURFEE

Durfee and Pimental were present to review the tree inventory and the overall project.

Pimental: This street tree plan is part of a larger DES funded project. The tasks include the inventory, street tree plan and a storm water project.

4. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY INVENTORY RESULTS – LIZ DURFEE

Durfee: The street tree inventory started in July and is complete. Volunteers used an App developed by SRPC to conduct the inventory or used paper forms. About 400 trees or tree boxes were included. We developed a dashboard to show the results, including a map, tree species, tree conditions, and canopy cover map.

Pimental: Without the volunteers, we could not have ever been able to complete the inventory.

5. REVIEW OF DRAFT CBD STREET TREE PLAN – LIZ DURFEE

Durfee reviewed the outline of the contents of the street tree plan.

6. FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE ON STREET TREE PLAN CONTENTS

Fellows: It would be interesting to look at the locations of Ash trees to see if they are clustered, due to the presence of the Ash Borer.

Pimental: We will be including recommendations from master plan chapters into plan, especially the Recreation chapter.

Discussed the need for an arborist to provide regular maintenance of trees and support for that in the plan.

Durfee: We will be drafting the street tree plan over the next couple of months and will send it to you.

Discussed how the plan will be adopted or accepted and by which committee or group.

7. RECAP OF PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL OF FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN – STEVE FELLOWS

Fellows: We presented the plan to the City Council on August 12th and it was well received. We will not be moving forward with any tree harvest due to the lack of a pulpwood market since the plant in Maine was destroyed. Bird did reach out to the owners of the landlocked parcel but they have not indicated what they consider to be a fair price.

8. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place once the street tree plan draft is ready for review. Bird will let committee know.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Fellows declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.