



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **First Floor Conference Room** - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, February 26, 2024
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows (Chair), Rick Schnable, Russ Warnock

EXCUSED ABSENT: Robert Atwood, Amy Kramer Perry

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Manager)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:35 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – January 29th, 2024

R. Warnock moved to approve, R. Schnable seconded. Vote: 3 yes.

3. POCKET FOREST PROJECT

Kaspari connected with Mike Brooks and reported that the Garrison School location would have to be put on hold for a pocket forest project until the large renovation project is completed. This is because the proposed pocket forest location will be needed for a material lay down area. The Subcommittee discussed that there may be better locations for this such as the Woodman Park School as pocket forests usually have more distinguished separation from the surrounding tree canopy. Kaspari will look into the Woodman Park School location to see if this is a viable option to consider in the meantime.

4. CBD STREET TREE UPDATES

Community Services Director John Storer conveyed that his staff could assist with the installation and maintenance of up to 15 new street trees during the 2024 planting season. The recommended budget figure for this is \$20,000. The Subcommittee discussed avoiding the central avenue area that is being considered for an overhaul as part of the complete streets study that was conducted. The Subcommittee will be consulted prior to the selection of species.

S. Fellows moved to support the Conservation Commission authorizing up to \$20,000 or 15 trees to expand the revitalize the urban tree canopy noting that Community Services is dedicating funds to assist with Willand Pond milfoil remediation. R. Warnock seconded. Vote: 3 yes.

5. FOREST MANAGEMENT UPDATES

The Subcommittee discussed the potential for active recreation and forest management at the Smith Well lot and would like to coordinate a site walk once the water tower project is complete. Kaspari will connect with Storer on this and can work with the Subcommittee to schedule the visit.

6. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

March 25th, 2024

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously.