



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, January 29, 2024
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

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

EXCUSED ABSENT: Robert Atwood

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Manager), John Storer (Community Services Director)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – December 4th, 2023

R. Schnable moved to approve, R. Warnock seconded. Vote: 3 yes with A. Kramer Perry abstaining.

3. POCKET FOREST PROJECT

Kaspari is to connect with the Facilities Director for the SAU, Mike Brooks to discuss this further and see if a delay in the pocket forest project is necessary or if the two can co-exist together. This was put on hold due to a medical leave situation with Mr. Brooks.

4. CBD STREET TREE UPDATES

J. Storer was present to talk to the Subcommittee about planting more street trees in 2024. The Subcommittee would like to target 10 trees a year. Discussion ensued about the timing for the plantings and R. Warnock advised that April would be ideal for the spring. J. Storer stressed that unfortunately Community Services funding for trees is competing with other project needs and it may be necessary for the Conservation Commission to consider financially supporting this for 2024. J. Storer mentioned that a letter of support from the Conservation Commission may help ensure funding is set aside more specifically for this in future years. The Subcommittee also discussed the need for arborist services and Storer stressed that he thought the City was likely a couple years out from being able to support a position of that nature due to the recent budget deliberations. R. Warnock offered to help provide advice in the meantime.

5. FOREST MANAGEMENT UPDATES

J. Kaspari reported that the Urban Forestry Fellow position was posted and that candidates would be interviewed before too long. This Fellowship is poised to assist the Subcommittee and full Conservation Commission with its various urban forestry initiatives. With the Smith Well water tower project wrapping up soon, it could be time to reevaluate the potential for a timber harvest at that site.

6. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

February 26th, 2024

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 6:23 pm.