



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, December 4, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

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

EXCUSED ABSENT: Amy Kramer Perry, Robert Atwood

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Manager)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:33 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – October 23rd, 2023

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

3. POCKET FOREST PROJECT

Kaspari reported that upon connecting further with Community Services Director John Storer he flagged a pending \$6.5M renovation project pending for the Garrison School as part of the City's Capital Improvements Program. This project is slated for FY 2026. Storer conveyed concerns about the intent to use the proposed pocket forest site as a lay down or staging area for materials. 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.

4. CBD STREET TREE UPDATES

Kaspari is to invite J. Storer to attend either the meeting in January or February to discuss a plan for continuing to replace and expand the network of street trees in the Central Business District. Storer will be able to advise on if the Community Services Department will be able to fund the project or if the Subcommittee should contemplate a request to the full Conservation Commission for funding. The goal is to add/replace 10 more trees.

5. FOREST MANAGEMENT UPDATES

The Natural Resources Inventory Project kicked off with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Resilience Planning and Design was awarded the bid for the Conservation and Open Space Master Plan Chapter. The Subcommittee discussed the creation of a Steering Committee for the Chapter. Russ Warnock volunteered to participate.

The Subcommittee also discussed the proposal to host a 2024 Urban Forestry Fellow and R. Warnock mentioned some tools that could be utilized for the project.

6. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

January 29th, 2024

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 6:01 pm.