

 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, October 23, 2023 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows (Chair), Rick Schnable, Robert Atwood, Russ Warnock (virtual)

EXCUSED ABSENT: Amy Kramer Perry

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Manager)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:53 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – August 28th, 2023

R. Schnable moved to approve, R. Atwood seconded. Vote: 4 yes.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Subcommittee formally welcomed Russ Warnock following a vote of approval from the Conservation Commission. Anna Boudreau's resignation was read which stated she felt the Subcommittee was in good hands and is happy with the direction it is taking but unfortunately has too many other time commitments at present.

4. POCKET FOREST PROJECT

Kaspari reported that Garrison School Principal Dunton was supportive and excited about the project. The Subcommittee discussed the location and the proposal that Ethan Bryson is preparing on behalf of the City for submission. Kaspari worked with Dunton to provide a quote to Ethan to help build a story around the project. Pictures were displayed and the Subcommittee will continue to be updated on the progress of this.

5. CBD STREET TREE UPDATES

Kaspari reported on the health of the nine street trees that were installed in June. Seven of nine were categorized as being in good health, one was in fair health and one placed in a difficult location was struggling. Subcommittee discussed that this was good especially considering the timing for the installation. S. Fellows asked about if Community Services has funding set aside for more street tree installations in spring, 2024. Kaspari will connect with John Storer about this and will convey R. Warnock's recommendation to ensure species diversification.

6. FOREST MANAGEMENT UPDATES

This is a placeholder item as the potential harvest at the Smith Well lot is on hold until the water tower project is complete in Spring of 2024. Kaspari mentioned that Dover will be kicking off a Natural Resources Inventory project with Strafford Regional Planning Commission at the November Conservation Commission meeting and that an RFP was released for an update to the Conservation and Open Space Master Plan Chapter.

7. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

December 4th, 2023.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 6:15 pm.