



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, August 28, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows (Chair), Anna Boudreau, Rick Schnable

EXCUSED ABSENT: Robert Atwood, Amy Kramer-Perry

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Manager)

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ Warnock

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:31 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – July 31st, 2023

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

3. POCKET FOREST PROJECT

The Subcommittee discussed the Garrison School location as an alternative to the Dover High School due to concerns about buried utilities at the High School. John Storer recommended this site as being his preferred location for revegetation efforts. Kaspari is to meet with Beth Dunton the Principal for the Garrison School to discuss the proposal with her and if it's supported he will reconnect with Ethan Bryson regarding the proposal work.

4. CBD STREET TREE UPDATES

The Subcommittee discussed the watering schedule for the trees and the concerns that R. Schnable raised regarding a couple of dry trees. R. Warnock educated the Subcommittee on the different ways to protect and ensure sufficient water is being provided to street trees. Kaspari flagged R. Schnable concern with John Storer who reported that the trees were on a once a week watering schedule but would be watered more frequently depending on the level of rainfall.

Kaspari displayed the Tree Equity Score web tool to the Subcommittee. R. Warnock provided some additional insight to its applications.

5. 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.

6. BRANCH OUT BURLINGTON

Kaspari shared R. Schnabel's questions with BOB! and read out the responses to the questions. The Subcommittee discussed potential options for future work.

7. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting will be determined through a survey.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously.