



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, April 24th, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows (Chair), Rick Schnable, Robert Atwood

EXCUSED ABSENT: Amy Kramer-Perry, Anna Boudreau

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Manager)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – February 6th, 2023

R. Schnable motioned to approve, R. Atwood seconded. Vote: 2 yes.

3. FOREST MANAGEMENT UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

J. Kaspari reported that from market research an appraisal of vacant land could cost approximately \$3,000. The Subcommittee discussed that it would be better to wait as conditions are still not appropriate for forest management/timber harvest activities at either the Tolend Rd. or Smith Well locations.

4. CBD STREET TREE UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

J. Kaspari contacted the Dover High School Principal regarding the pocket forest concept who provided him with the contact information for two teachers interested in the project concept. The Subcommittee discussed other locations that may be suitable for similar pocket forests throughout the City as only a small area of land is needed. The Subcommittee noted that it would be worth while to find contacts involved with the City of Cambridge, MA project. UNH Extension may also be able to aid with this.

J. Kaspari also reported that Eric Sanderson, Dover's Facilities Project Manager, is leading the tree acquisition process to fill 10 identified tree pits in the Central Business District. Kaspari will ask Sanderson for an update on this prior to the next meeting.

5. BRANCH OUT BURLINGTON

R. Schnable had conducted a review of Branch Out Burlington's website which has a lot of information about the programs including the Tree Nursery, Awesome Tree Contest, Tree Keeper etc. Branch Out Burlington plants approximately 120 saplings every spring and through this provides the City around 100 trees.

R. Schnable suggested getting in touch with Margaret Skinner, a UVM Professor, to learn more about Branch Out Burlington. He will produce a letter for the Subcommittee which Kaspari will review prior to sending.

6. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 22nd at 5:30 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

R. Atwood moved to adjourn. Seconded by R. Schnable. Vote: U/A