

 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 6, 2025 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows (Chair), Rick Schnable, Russ Warnock, Robert Atwood

EXCUSED ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Makayla Edgecomb (Conservation Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM`

2. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT STREET TREE UPDATES

R. Warnock mentioned the empty tree boxes and the importance of an up to date inventory. S. Fellows brought up the issues surrounding the dying ash trees in the downtown. R. Warnock proposed a staggered replacement so it does not affect the downtown all at once. R. Warnock also discusses the importance of aesthetics to the downtown and the role that these trees play for many, including business owners. The importance of a future plan for the downtown trees was unanimously important and wants to bring community services into the conversation. Importance of public outreach and education was discussed in terms of the future canopy of the downtown and the removal of dying trees. Wants to implement QR codes to raise awareness for these trees.

3. TREE MAINTENANCE

S. Fellows mentioned the issues around pruning funds used on dead trees, discussed using some of those funds to take down the dead ash trees.

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT UPDATES

S. Fellows stated that there was not much to update on but wants to check on the market for timber and the demand for harvest.

5. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

No date was set- waiting to hear back from Community Services.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously.