CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	First Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Ave.
Meeting Date:	**Monday February 2, 2026**
Meeting Time:	**5:30 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT: STEVE FELLOWS (CHAIR), RICK SCHNABLE, RUSS WARNOCK

ABSENT: ROBERT ATWOOD

STAFF PRESENT: ERIC SANDERSON, FACILITIES PROJECT MANAGER

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

S. FELLOWS MENTIONED HE WOULD LIKE TO STEP DOWN AS CHAIR, R. SCHNABLE MENTIONED LEAVING THE SUBCOMMITTEE BUT NOT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. M. EDGECOMB MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A WORKGROUP THAT MEETS WHEN NEEDED IF MEMBERS ARE STEPPING DOWN.

MEMBERS DECIDED TO BRING THIS IDEA TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. NO ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS HAD.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2025 MEETING

R. SCHNABLE MOTIONED TO APPROVED THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, R. WARNOCK SECONDED. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

4. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT STREET TREE UPDATES

5. TREE MAINTENANCE

i. ROUTINE PLANTINGS

E. SANDERSON GIVES BACKGROUND ON THE CITY'S STANDARD PLANTING PROCEDURE, AND HOW THEY PICK SPECIFIC LOCATION. HE MENTIONS HOW MUCH FUNDING IS GIVEN TO ROUTINE PLANTINGS.

R. WARNOCK ECHOES PERVIOUS DISCUSSION FROM THE FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REGARDING DIVERSITY OF TREES THAT SHOULD BE PLANTED, AND HOW PLACEMENT OF PLANTING MATTERS, SUCH AS TALL TREES PLANTED UNDER POWER LINES. HE ALSO ENCOURAGED NOT PLANTING WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AS THE ASH TREE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i. CIP AND PREP GRANT

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ASH TREE PROJECT ENSUED, MENTIONING A NEW DOWNTOWN STREET TREE LIST THAT WILL BE COMPLETED, AND R. WARNOCK'S DOWNTOWN TREE SURVEY THAT HE VOLUNTEERED TO COMPLETE.

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E. SANDERSON ANSWERED SOME CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT BID PROCESS FOR THE PROJECT.

R. WARNOCK MENTIONED GETTING A PDF TOGETHER OF THE INVENTORY HE COMPLETED.

7. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

N/A. DISCUSSING OF SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE MENTIONED AT THE NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9TH.

8. ADJOURNMENT

R. WARNOCK MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, R. SCHNABLE SECONDED. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

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