

**City of Concord
Conservation Commission
Tree Sub-Committee**

Minutes of July 21, 2022 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall Annex, 37 Green Street

In attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Ted Diers, Zib Corell, Peter Breu

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher (Planning); Jim Major (General Services); Stefanie Breton (Public Information Officer)

Others: Stacey Brown (City Council), Liz McKinley (Community Forester NH Forester and Lands)

Absent: Craig Tufts, John Regan, Rick Chormann (Conservation Commission member)

1. Call to Order.

Ted called the meeting to order shortly after 8:10 a.m.

2. Minutes of June 23, 2022.

Minutes of June 23, 2022 were approved with minor corrections.

3. **Update on Penacook Tree Plantings**

Beth made maps and located addresses. They have been sent to General Services for review. TPAC is no longer planning to host a community meeting now because the paving is straightforward. Zib asked if we could reconsider some kind of meeting. Beth will follow up with Councilor Todd about getting on Penacook Village Association meeting, or host some other meeting.

4. **UNH Sustainability Fellow Discussion 7/13 at ConComm meeting**

Zib, Beth and John gave an update from the discussion with the Sustainability Fellow at the last ConComm meeting. Some questions that were brought up include: how can this information be used? Is there a way to focus in at a property level? The impression is that the model is being built now and her time is wrapping up, and perhaps more work can be done by a future sustainability fellow. Beth will get an overview from Sam Durfee (Senior Planner) before he leaves the City of Concord.

5. **Concord High School Plantings**

Working on the logistics. Conservation Commission discussed at their last meeting. They wanted the Tree Committee to review the species. Councilor Brown is in touch with the student spearheading this. Liz said she can assist with this and possibly provide some education for the students.

6. **Tree Champion Award**

Ted said he met with Tim Sink from the Chamber and they are hoping to move forward with this-maybe an award over the winter.

7. **Bob Pollock's Concord Tree History Update**

Councilor Brown has been working on this project with Bob. She has developed a map with tree locations and descriptions. She showed the Committee what she has been working on to date. Would be a walking tour of significant trees. Could be a paper walking tour and something on the website as well. Could be something for visitors to Concord, students, etc. Is there an app that can help with this? Maybe a CRTC student?

8. **Grant Opportunities**

Beth shared a summary that John compiled with grant opportunities, and is looking for some feedback on next steps.

-TreePlenish – This needs to involve committed students. Beth will meet with Stephanie Bowser at Project SEE and see if there is any interest to get students working on a project like this.

-Utilities – John will set up a meeting with Ryan and Jim to follow up on Utilil. Liz will call Eversource. The goal is to have an event to hand out trees. Need to figure out if utilities would donate seedlings or larger caliper trees. Ted offered to help John with event planning.

-TD Green Grant – Beth mentioned if we get enough residents in Penacook to agree to a tree, we could apply for this grant to cover costs.

-US Forest Service & Urban Community Grant and America the Beautiful Challenge Grant – need more input from Liz (she had left the meeting)

-DES Planning Grant – Beth will reach out to Dave Cedarholm to have an internal discussion about feasibility and scope. Ted would like to attend. After this meeting, set up a meeting with Deb Loiselle at the state.

-Local fundraising – come up with ideas in the future, maybe pull in downtown property owners

9. **Other Business**

Zib asked about creating a tree site list, so there is a formal document identifying where trees can be planted when we have money. There was discussion about looking into grant funds to hire someone to do an assessment. Jim mentioned that the list that Ryan has is mostly for cemeteries and parks to replace older trees, there aren't a lot of City-owned parcels.

Stefanie and Mike from Concord TV taped some footage with the Pattens on Rumford Street on July 20. Will have a PSA ready for fall promotion.

10. **Next Meeting: Thursday, August 25th, 8:00AM**

Meeting adjourned around 9:15 am

To-Do list:

Beth will set up a meeting with Dave Cedarholm and follow up with Councilor Todd re: Penacook trees meeting

Stacey will follow up with Hannah McBride High School students and continue work on the tree tour

Ted will work on Tree Champion award nomination form