

**WINCHESTER TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 24, 2009**

The regular September monthly meeting of the Winchester Tree Commission was held on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building at City Yards.

Mr. Farris, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Farris made a suggestion to postpone approval of the July and August minutes until the October meeting due to a lack of quorum.

**Members present:** Ms. Chris Scully, Mr. Patrick Farris and Ms. Kate Christen

**Members absent:** Mr. T'ai Roulston, Ms. Mary Stickley and Ms. Allison Major

**Staff present:** Clint Cantrell, Tim Stern and Tom Hoy

**Guests present:** Ms. Cheryl Crowell

**Guests Comments:** Ms. Crowell stated that she looked at all of the requested trees on Washington Street with Tim Stern and all of them have risk issues of falling over or dropping limbs. Ms. Crowell stated that there are already so many trees missing in this area that this would be a good opportunity to remove the hazardous ones and to make a project out of it and replace them all. Ms. Crowell requested that all of the trees be replaced with more Sugar Maples. Ms. Crowell stated that the whole streetscape is being compromised by the poor selection of species that were placed there in the past. Ms. Crowell stated that a Sweet Gum tree was planted on Washington Street over the past couple of weeks where a previous tree was removed. Mr. Farris asked Tom Hoy to direct staff to check on the tree. Ms. Crowell commented on the decline of the Ash trees in the Old Town walking mall. Mr. Farris stated that the walking mall will be under construction soon with the water lines being replaced and trees will be planted and replaced at that time.

**Old Business:**

1) **Tree Canopy Goals and Plan: Presentation to City Council**

Mr. Farris stated that the Public Services Committee has voted to recommend the plan and it was approved by City Council on September 8, 2009. Tom Hoy stated that an extract from the City Council minutes was sent to Ms. Barbara White.

**New Business:**

**1) Discussion of Tree Removal/Trimming requests:**

Mr. Farris stated that since there were a large number of removal requests from Washington Street, that it constitutes a treescape and he asked Tim Stern to discuss the trees as a group. Tim stated that most of the trees are Sugar Maples. Tim stated that he evaluated each tree individually. Tim stated that some of the trees are in bad shape and in his evaluation he used words like hazardous. Tim stated that all of the trees that were requested do have issues. Tim stated that there are power lines on one side of the street and when the trees are replaced this should be considered when choosing the species.

**Behind 15 W. Whitlock Avenue in the alley**

Ms. Christen made a motion to remove the tree located behind 15 W. Whitlock Avenue in the alley; seconded by Ms. Scully, consensus approval.

**8 E. Bond Street**

Ms. Scully made a motion to deny removal of the tree located at 8 E. Bond Street; seconded by Ms. Christen, consensus approval.

**814 S. Washington Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to deny removal of the tree located at 814 S. Washington Street; seconded by Ms. Scully, consensus approval.

**812 S. Washington Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to remove the tree located at 812 S. Washington Street; seconded by Ms. Christen, consensus approval.

**814 S. Washington Street (Second tree from corner)**

Mr. Farris made a motion to remove the second tree from the corner at 814 S. Washington Street; seconded by Ms. Scully, consensus approval.

**801 S. Washington Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to deny removal of the tree located at 801 S. Washington Street; seconded by Ms. Christen, consensus approval.

**715 S. Washington Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to trim the tree located at 715 S. Washington Street and deny removal; seconded by Ms. Christen, consensus approval.

### **800 S. Washington Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to trim the tree located at 800 S. Washington Street and deny removal; seconded by Ms. Christen, consensus approval.

### **716 S. Washington Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to remove the tree located at 716 S. Washington Street; seconded by Ms. Christen, motion did not carry.

### **678 National Avenue**

Mr. Farris made a motion to trim the tree located at 678 National Avenue and deny removal; seconded by Ms. Christen, consensus approval.

### **612 S. Kent Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to add the tree located at 612 S. Kent Street to the Sweet Gum removal list; seconded by Ms. Scully, consensus approval.

### **103 N. Braddock Street**

Mr. Farris made a motion to remove the tree located at 103 N. Braddock Street; seconded by Ms. Christen, consensus approval.

#### **2) Construction of Tree Commission meeting and business protocol:**

Mr. Farris stated that this is something he will be working on throughout the fall and into the winter. He stated that he would be sending an email to the members. Mr. Farris stated that there would be an important work session.

#### **3) Tree planting species suggestions for Two-way project:**

Mr. Farris stated that Perry Eisenach will be submitting a PDF map of the entire construction area of Braddock Street, Cameron Street, Wyck Street and Gerrard Street. Mr. Farris stated that members could walk the construction area individually or with one other member to look at the trees. Mr. Farris encouraged members to look at the trees individually which will allow them to give suggestions at the next meeting.

### **Comments from Commission Members:**

- 1) Ms. Christen asked if there is anything wrong with suggesting to construction workers not to put things on the trees. Tim Stern instructed her to ask for the City Inspector on the site and bring it to his attention.

**Comments from City Staff:**

- 1) Tim Stern stated that he spoke to Mr. Paul Revell and that Mr. Revell had submitted grant proposals to the Federal Government. Tim stated that some of the proposals were awarded and Winchester was targeted for some of the money. Tim stated that the things that will be funded will be removals of hazardous trees and plantings. Tim stated that there will be a restriction on the size of the tree well for planting. Tim stated that the minimum size for the tree wells is 12' X 4'. Tim stated that Mr. Revell has to submit a more detailed report by October 12, 2009. Tim stated he should know more about funding after that.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Scully adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WINCHESTER  
TREE COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT FOR AUGUST 2009  
SUBMITTED SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**

This report is a summary of contractor expenses and an activity listing of trimmings, plantings, removals and stump grindings for the month of August 2009.

**EXPENSES REPORT  
(Billings for August 2009)**

<b>CONTRACTOR TRIMMINGS:</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR PLANTINGS:</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR REMOVALS:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
<b>\$ 20,127.50</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$ 13,025.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,152.50</b>

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

<b>TRIMMING:</b>	<b>PLANTINGS:</b>	<b>REMOVALS:</b>	<b>STUMP GRINDING:</b>
229 Parkway St.		115 Wolfe St. (2 <sup>nd</sup> tree from Washington St.)	115 Wolfe St. (2 <sup>nd</sup> tree from Washington St.)
341 N. Pleasant Valley Rd. x2		Alley beside Patton's on Cecil St. (btwn. Cameron and Loudoun St.)	Alley beside Patton's on Cecil St. (btwn. Cameron and Loudoun St.)
625 Tennyson Ave.		624 Watson Ave.	624 Watson Ave.
28 Peyton St.		8 W. North Ave.	8 W. North Ave.
431 Jefferson St.		1727 Valley Ave.	1727 Valley Ave.
423 Jefferson St.		309 Courtfield Ave.	309 Courtfield Ave.
1216 Valley Ave.		422 S. Washington St.	422 S. Washington St.
15 S. Braddock St. x2		444 Fairmont Ave.	444 Fairmont Ave.
321 S. Stewart St. x3		400 Millwood Ave.(Opequon Ave. side)	400 Millwood Ave.(Opequon Ave. side)
699 Woodland Ave. x2		1329 Commerce St.	1329 Commerce St.
1303 Handley Ave.		428 Chestnut St.	428 Chestnut St.
411 W. Monmouth St. x2		163 Academy Ln.	163 Academy Ln.
305 Liberty Ave.		153 Fox Dr.	153 Fox Dr.
724 Woodland Ave.		Beside 800 S. Stewart	Beside 800 S.

		St. (2 <sup>nd</sup> tree from corner)	Stewart St. (2 <sup>nd</sup> tree from corner)
723 National Ave.		418 S. Kent St.	418 S. Kent St.
403 W. Monmouth St.		135 N. Braddock St.	135 N. Braddock St.
21 W. Bond St.		104 Peyton St.	104 Peyton St.
629 Tennyson Ave.		215 Rozell Rd.	215 Rozell Rd.
Behind 329 Shenandoah Ave. in alley x2		620 Butler Ave.	620 Butler Ave.
612 S. Loudoun St.		Behind 340 Fairview Ave. (in alley)	Behind 340 Fairview Ave. (in alley)
927 Kinzel Dr.		816 Kinzel Dr.	816 Kinzel Dr.
95 Lee St. x3		221 W. Boscawen St.	221 W. Boscawen St.
554 N. Kent St.		130 W. Piccadilly St.	130 W. Piccadilly St.
4 Peyton St. (N.E. Corner of Peyton and Braddock St.)		25 W. Piccadilly St.	25 W. Piccadilly St.
133 Lambden Ave.		344 Sheridan Ave. x2	344 Sheridan Ave. x2
605 Patterson Ave.		903 Kinzel Dr. x2	903 Kinzel Dr. x2
140 Lambden Ave.		1739 Brandon Dr.	1739 Brandon Dr.
442 Mosby St.		Amherst St. near Southern States	
behind 639 Battle Ave. x2		Cameron St. beside Winchester Towers (pear tree split in storm)	Cameron St. beside Winchester Towers (pear tree split in storm)
411 Millwood Ave.			
417 Stonewall Ave. x3			
425 Stonewall Ave. x2			
422 Stonewall Ave.			
418 Stonewall Ave.			
101 Lee St. x2			
221 Parkway St.			
439 W. Leicester St. x2			

437 W. Leicester St.			
17 W. Leicester St.			
709 S. Stewart St.			
528 Battle Ave.			
Behind 335 Grey Ave. (Athey Alley) x6			
209 Shenandoah Ave.			
behind 505 Highland Ave.			
7 & 13 W. Piccadilly St. x2			
Laffayette Place behind 444 N. Braddock St.			
316 Parkway St.			
621 Patterson Ave.			
335 Jefferson St.			
328 W. Whitlock Ave.			
Beside 725 Green St.			
320 Parkway St.			
118,122,124 W. Monmouth St. x4			
401 Van Fossen St.			
2 Montague Ave. x3			
Willow Oaks by Holliday Apt. on Lambden Ave. x4			
706 Academy Ln.			
411 W. Cecil St. x2			
418 N. Pleasant Valley Rd.			
120 Lambden Ave.			
420 N. Loudoun St.			
726 Academy Cir.			
20 E. Monmouth St.			

249 Jefferson St. x4			
521 Grey Ave.			
217 W. Whitlock Ave. x2			
301 Sheridan Ave. x2			
126 S. Euclid Ave.			
327 W. Cecil St.			
2 W. Monmouth St. x3			
525 W. Clifford St. x2			
20 Peyton St.			
246 Shawnee Ave.			
Behind 646 Battle Ave. in alley (trim locust tree)			
Beside 501 Courtfield Ave. x2			
448 West Leicester St. x4			
Behind 345 Shawnee Ave. (in alley)			
257 Shenandoah Ave.			
229 Shawnee Ave.			
218 Walker St. x2			
811 Woodland Ave.			
807 Woodland Ave.			
444 Hollingsworth Pl.			
216 Sheridan Ave. x2			
29 & 21 W. Germain St. x2			
441 Handley Ave.			
512 & 514 Grey Ave. x2			
1512 S. Braddock St.			

Behind 641 Dunlap St. (in drainage ditch)			
1500 Valley Ave. (Montague side)			
20 S. Kent St.			
1463 Greystone Terr.			
1735 Brandon Dr.			
613 Van Fossen St.			
26 W. Boscawen St. (infront of Church) x5			
200 Shawnee Ave.			
Beside 800 S. Stewart St.			
Green Circle Trail along Jubal Early Dr.			
210 Walker St.			
1501 Handley Ave.			
181 S. Stewart St.			
541 Battle Ave.			
505 Jefferson St x4			
Pleasant Valley Rd. near Martins x4			
N.E. corner of Grove and Euclid Ave.			
Baker Ln. at Kent St.			
162 trees	0 trees	31 trees	30 stumps