



**CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #19-023**

**Date: January 24, 2019**

**Consent  Discussion**

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Tree Board

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Make appointment to the Tree Board

**STRATEGIC OUTCOME/INITIATIVE:** Environmental Stewardship

**EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:** N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** No legal requirements; Council makes appointments to fill vacancies on City Boards and Commissions

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Tree Board is to protect the public health and welfare by improving and preserving the beauty of the city as it relates to street trees and park trees. The Board administers and updates a plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets, and in other public areas.

The committee is seeking more members. We received one application, from James Findlay-Shirras.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** Application

**INTERESTED PARTIES:** City Council; Applicant; Tree Board; Parks

**CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Hoffman", is written over the City Manager's Approval line.

## Jamie Granfield

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Friday, December 21, 2018 2:57 PM  
**To:** Jamie Granfield  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: City of Montpelier Boards & Commissions Application

### City of Montpelier Boards & Commissions Application

#### APPLICATION FORM MONTPELIER CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

*Please use this form to express your interest in serving on a particular board/committee or commission. For information on our boards and committees, please visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/committeevacancies>. The Montpelier City Council makes appointments to board/committees at their regular meetings as vacancies occur. Completed applications are public documents and are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act.*

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***The Montpelier City Council is committed to seeking diversity on all boards, committees and commissions, including but not limited to geographic, racial, gender, cultural, age, socio economic diversity. Montpelier residency for applicants is preferred but not required.***

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Name james findlay-shirras

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Email Address

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Address

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City Montpelier

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State Vermont

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Zip Code 05602

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Phone Number

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Occupation landscape architect (unregistered)

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Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Montpelier? Yes

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Are you a resident of the City of Montpelier? Yes

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How long have you been a resident of the City of Montpelier? 2.5 years

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Are you related to any elected City Councilor (including by marriage)?	No
Do you have any pending litigation against the City?	No
Name of City Board or Committee: (If applying for more than one board/committee, please list order of preference)	tree board
Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee? If so, please list and give approximate dates.	no

***Please answer each question in as much detail as possible.***

Education/Credentials:	undergrad studio art art history uvm 99' masters landscape architecture Edinburgh University/Edinburgh college of art 04'
Professional activities that relate to this board/committee:	i work for a landscape architecture office (wagnerhodgson.com) and manage projects throughout New England ... i attend street tree removal hearings for these projects in major cities and just returned from one in Cambridge mass this past Tuesday! i am well versed in the correct planting techniques required for tree success. i am knowledgeable on structural soil, silva cells, on structure construction, and streetscape design. i previously owned a landscape design build business in NYC and undertook many street tree plantings during my time there.
Community activities that relate to this board/committee:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Why are you interested in serving on this board/committee?	i feel very strongly that healthy tree stock is vital to the success of urban environments. i know that strong planting guidelines and specifications will help to make this a reality. i also understand the motivations behind developers and am ready to push back to ensure the success of our urban forest is respected.
What talents or experience would you bring to the board/committee?	i have over 20 years experience in this field. i have worked on many design teams on many different project typologies this has taught me how to build consensus and to negotiate on behalf of our point of view.

Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Councilors?

Happy to come in and discuss this in person.

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Are you involved in any personal, professional or business pursuit that would affect your ability to make fair and impartial recommendations as a member of a City advisory board or committee?

No

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and accept the terms of board/committee appointment.

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By e-signing this application, I certify that there are no misrepresentations, omissions or falsifications on this application.

james findlay-shirras

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12/21/2018

Submitted on:

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***Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Montpelier as a volunteer board or committee member. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.***

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