

A. Meeting called to order at: 19:04

Members present: Robert Clements, Chair
Bob Everingham, Member
Martin Webster, Member
Dan Adams, Tree Warden
Mike Hutcheson, Member

Members absent: Anne Brinton, Member

Staff: Hannah O'Connell, DPW

Also present: Roz Blake

B. Announcements:

- a. Helene Henry will not be joining us this evening
- b. Helene Henry provided a template for minutes to the committee for use. Committee agreed to use the template, Hannah O'Connell will take minutes when she is available for meetings.
- c. Hannah O'Connell mentioned that trees on Main Street need to be pruned and trimmed. DPW has been receiving calls and complaints regarding low hanging branches. Robert Clements stated he would prune them Wednesday morning. Discussion regarding how to fund pruning on Main Street – Sidewalk project? Grant?
- d. Discussion regarding planting trees at Subway for sidewalk project, Dan Adams to talk to building owner
- e. Bob Everingham informed Tree Board that he hung two purple traps – 1 in Preston and 1 in Harmony. There are informational tags at those locations. Hannah O'Connell advised Bob to please speak with Patrick Moreland regarding this as he is in charge of the Parking Enforcement Department.
- f. Make sure we get Main Street greenscaping plans to Tree Board

C. Approval of Minutes:

- a. No date was on the minutes, date was added
- b. Mike motioned
- c. Bob Everingham seconded
- d. Minutes were approved with added date.

D. Adjustments to agenda

- a. Tree walk with historical committee – coordinate with the Brattleboro Historical Society. Would be sometime during the summer, do we need a brochure?
- b. Update all contact information please and provide to Hannah O'Connell

E. Agenda

- a. Spring Planting – put this on next month's meeting as 'Fall Planting'. Too late to do this. Potential locations: Canal Street, West River Park – Tree Board would like to coordinate with Paul Ethier for a site visit.
- b. Chestnut Trees – having a difficult time finding a location for these trees due to some opposition to plantings due to the burs that they produce and space issues, possibility of

planting two at the Montessori School. There is a teacher at BUHS that is interested, could maybe plant some at Famolare (two here?). Martin to move forward with contacting these individuals. Best to plant two together to cross pollinate.

- c. Trails – Nothing to discuss at this time
 - d. Crowell Lot – Nothing to discuss at this time
 - e. Infestations – Bob Everingham working with MOL4 to potentially start inventory of trees in Brattleboro. Hannah checked in with committee to on status of grant. John Ogorznik is out of town. Will probably use money for communications/handouts/mailings/drumming up volunteers for tree surveys. At this point in time, we can also use the money for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid infestation
 - f. Dan's report – see attached – reviewed the contents of that report. Report included with these minutes.
- F. Other business:
- a. Several members will be absent at upcoming meetings
 - b. Setting next agenda – fall plantings, chestnuts, tree walk, infestation
 - c. Board discussed poison ivy mitigation measures around town. Roz Blake mentioned that poison ivy was very bad on the West River Trail.
- G. Meeting adjourned at 20:37 pm, the next regularly scheduled meeting is on July 9th, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Hanna Cosman Room in the Municipal Center.

Tree Warden Notes

April 10 to June 11, 2013

April 13, 2013

I met with the Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board at the Crowell Lot to assess and discuss the health and the structural integrity of the trees there.

April 25, 2013

I looked at a large sugar maple tree on George Reedsavory's front lawn at 130 Belmont Avenue. George called me for advice on what to do with the tree to make it safe. After looking at the tree I found that it was not structurally sound enough to work with and make safe. I advised him to have it removed.

May 8, 2013

Ed Kowalsky, maintenance manager of the Hilltop House nursing home on Harris Avenue, asked me to come there and assess the structural soundness of 4 large white pine trees on the property. The trees ranged in diameter from 20 inches to 4 feet across. Neighbors had expressed a concern that the trees might fall on their properties and damage their homes. I found that all of the trees are solidly rooted in the ground and are windfirm. I did notice some trunk rot on 2 of the trees at about two-thirds their height but felt that if breakage at that point did occur the falling pieces would not damage the neighbors' properties. I advised Ed of my findings and recommended that a cable be installed in one tree where I noticed a weak union between two leaders.

May 21, 2013

I attended a Brattleboro Selectboard meeting with Robert Clements, Bob Everingham, and John Orgozalek. We presented information to the Selectboard concerning the impending invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer.

May 27, 2013

Tom Nunziata reported to the Brattleboro town manager's office that he had found what looked like an Emerald Ash Borer. The town manager's secretary, Jan Anderson, alerted me. I then alerted Bob Everingham, one of the First Pest Detectors for the Brattleboro area. Bob contacted Tom. Tom sent Bob a picture of the insect and Bob identified it as a six spotted tiger beetle. No need for concern.

Dan Adams
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Brattleboro Town Tree Warden