

Agenda & Minutes
Tree Advisory Committee

Mission Statement: The Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board shall be an advisory organization that works with the Tree Warden to promote the improvement and preservation of a healthy environment of the town as it relates to Public Trees. The Board is subject to the Vermont Open Meetings Law (1 VSA Sec. 310-314).

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Time and Place: _____

Date of Warning: Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Members: Dylan McKinnon Helene Henry Roz Blake
(indicate who Bob Everingham Anne Wright-Parsons
were present)

Staff Present: Hannah O'Connell _____

Other Attendees: Dan Adams, Tree Warden
 Robert Clements Martin Webster _____

Chair/Facilitator: Helene Henry Clerk/Scribe: Bob Everingham

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Motions, Proposals Resolutions	Vote
Public Participation			
Approve Minutes of August 2015	Minutes were approved	approved	
Martin shared a recent Vermont supreme court ruling regarding border trees. (Berger/Katz vs Alvarez)	Vermont Supreme Court has found that property owners can prune roots and branches that extend into their property, and that both owners have rights to maintaining the health of trees that span a property boundary.		
Dan Adams tree warden notes.	attached		
Coop weeping cherry tree	The need for watering trees in hot dry weather was discussed. Mulching helps too.	Anne will write a letter to the coop about watering trees.	
New tree planting	Turning Point, and across the street from Turning Point. (Elm St. long term parking lot.) Other less promising sites were discussed.	Bob will meet with Rich from Turning Point and look at sites. Shad? Bob will also talk to Hannah OConnell about the feasibility of planting on the Elm St. site. Hackberry? Honeylocust?	
Fall maintenance		We'll schedule a maintenance day at the October meeting.	

Tree canopy survey	Elise emailed Dan and Robert asking for additional areas to survey, because their work is proceeding very quickly.	Dan will contact Elise with the following list: Green St. School, Acadamy, Oak Grove, and BUHS/BAMS. He'll also contact the schools to give them a heads up.	
Other Business Adjournment Next Meeting	Adjourned 9:00 p.m. Next meeting October 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Hannah Cosman room.		