

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 9, 2014 Date of Warning: Tuesday, September 2, 2014
Time and Place: Hannah Cosman room _____

Members: Robert Clements, Chair Martin Webster Helene Henry
(indicate who Bob Everingham Roz Blake _____
were present)

Staff Present: _____ Hannah O'Connell _____

Other Attendees: Dan Adams, Tree Warden Mike Hutcheson

Chair/Facilitator: _____ Robert Clements Clerk/Scribe: Bob Everingham

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| Public Participation | | | |
| Approve Minutes of August 2014 | | approved | |
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| Town has removed trees above harmony lot and Birge St. | Dan Adams, the town tree warden, wasn't consulted, as is required in the town tree ordinance. | Bob will contact the Public works department to re-establish communication | |
| Bob reported about the die-back in the elm tree beside the upper entrance to the parking garage downtown | Dan Adams recommended trimming the tree during the dormant season. Funding options for the pruning were discussed. | Bob will talk to someone at the transportation center about next steps. | |
| A donation was received from Gordon Bugbee on behalf of Kris and Stuart McKermet | | The funds will go toward planting trees. | |
| Update on planting sites | Someone planted three crabapple trees near the People's Bridge (beside the old creamery bridge.) | | |
| Municipal Center planting | The board looked at a historical picture of the Municipal Center. Planting options were discussed. | Mike will research more historic photos. Planting in the spring was discussed. | |

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| Fall maintenance | The arnilanchiers beside the Preston lot are looking good following last year's pruning | A fall maintenance session will be scheduled at the October meeting. Members will bring ideas about where to prune | |
| Dan's report | Attached. | | |
| Martin's report on the West river park planting | There are two different ways to go about planting. Planting half way up the hill will most quickly mitigate road noise. Liner stock (small and inexpensive trees) The other option would be bare root stock lower down on the hill. | Martin will be visiting the site and will write up a proposal to give to Paul Ethier. | |
| Invasives report | Ashes will be showing color sometime in early October. Also, elongate hemlock scale was discovered in Brattleboro. | Bob will call board members to organize an ash tree mapping effort | |
| Roz proposed creating a photo album of all the trees that Helene and the board have planted over the years | | | |
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| Other Business Adjournment Next Meeting | Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Next meeting October 14 at 7:00 p.m. | | |