

Tree Warden Notes

February 10, 2016 to March 8, 2016

February 19 I received a package from Elise Schadler, Community Outreach Professional with the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program. The package contained the following:

Firstly; the recently completed Brattleboro Public Tree Inventory Report. 10 copies.

Secondly; Right Tree, Right Place. 20 copies.

Thirdly; Protecting The Investment. 25 copies.

Fourthly: Planning to Purchase a Tree. 25 copies.

Fifthly; Tree Owners Manual. 17 copies.

February 22 I called Roz Blake, Tree Board member, and asked if she would distribute the materials. She agreed to do that and then came to my place and picked up the package. Thanks Roz.

February 23 Paul Ethier, Brattleboro's Parks superintendent, emailed me to ask if I would look at 3 trees on the Common and give my opinion as to whether they should be removed or pruned and left to stand. The trees in question are along Park Place Street; a sugar maple at the corner of Park Place and Linden Street, a sugar maple on the Putney Road side of the Common's access road, and an ash between the access road and Putney Road. I told Paul that they were all in bad shape and could all be removed. But I suggested cutting the dead wood out of the ash tree and leaving the tree standing. It still has life in it and is an interesting tree with a lot of character.

March 8 Rod Francis, Planning Director for the Town of Brattleboro, emailed me to ask if I would look at a tree on the park property across the road from the Whetstone Brewery restaurant. The tree is a poplar and it sits on the edge of the Connecticut River's bank. Carol Lalotte, Brattleboro Parks and Recreation Director, asked Rod to confer with me on it. I took a look at the tree in question today. It does lean heavily and is at the river bank's edge. If it uprooted it would take part of the bank, and part of the wall directly beneath it. The wall beneath it is retaining the bank and is important to protect the bank from erosion. I emailed Rod and told him that I think it would be a good thing to take the tree out as it looks to be unstable and would cause damage to the bank and the wall if it uprooted.

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