

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.

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