

Tree Warden Notes

April 15, 2015 to May 12, 2015

4-23-15 I got a call from a lady named Mallory at the Neighborhood Schoolhouse on Western Avenue. Mallory works there and has a child that attends the school. She is concerned about 2 large limbs that overhang the play ground area there. I had a look. I recommended the removal of one of the limbs. I suggested that they ask the power company to remove the limb as it overhangs the power lines. The other limb looked strong and stable. I also recommended that a tree company be employed to trim out all of the dead wood in the tree canopies that overtop the playground area.

4-30-15 I got a call from Stewart McDermet. He owns a house on Canal Street. There is a boxelder tree in the front yard that has grown into the wires and over the neighbors' driveway. Stewart and I looked long and hard at the tree and Stewart decided that taking half of the tree out would alleviate most of the problems with wires and neighbor. I suggested that he ask the power company to remove the unwanted part of the tree as it overhangs the power lines.

5-01-15 Hannah O'Connell, Department of Public Works, had called me some time ago to check out a hazardous tree on Kelly Road in West Brattleboro. The tree in question is a very large tree in front of Phoebe Chamberlains' house and has a strong lean toward her barn across the road. Steve Barrett, Hannah, and I met there. We all decided that the tree is indeed hazardous and should be removed.

5-01-15 While visiting at Phoebe Chamberlains' Steve, Hannah, and I discussed the possibility of planting a tree in front of the covered bridge on Western Avenue as well as another on the Memorial Park side of the covered bridge. We all agreed that the planting sites are good ones, but Steve had a concern about underground utilities. So I called Dig Safe and they checked the site out and gave us the OK to plant there. Steve also recalled that a tree may have been planted on the Memorial Park side of the covered bridge. I checked that out and did find that a tree had been planted there, but the planting was unsuccessful. The planted tree died. Anne Wright-Parsons, Tree Board and Garden Club member, expressed concern about planting in the space between the covered bridge and Western Avenue because the Garden Club has spent a lot of time and energy over the past years to make that site presentable. Ann suggested that she speak with the Garden Club about the Tree Boards' intentions of planting a tree there before finalizing the plan to plant.

5-12-15 I got an email from Jan Anderson, town managers' office. Seems that someone at 1111 Upper Dummerston Road has a large black locust tree in their yard that may be compromised in its' structural stability and could land on the house if it failed. I will have a look.

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