

Tree Warden Notes

May 13, 2015 to June 9, 2015

5-11-15 Met with Elise Schadler, Vermont Urban & Community Forestry (UCF), members of the Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board, and other interested parties at the gazebo on the common. Elise offered to have a crew of trained UCF people come to Brattleboro and inventory our trees. We all agreed that would be a good thing and we have taken on the task of providing maps and parameters to Elise for the inventory.

5-16-15 I explored the Brattleboro Maps On Line web site to see how the web site could help the Tree Board and I to provide maps and parameters to UCF for their inventory of Brattleboro trees.

5-19-15 I met with Sharon from the Brattleboro Garden Club, members of the Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board, and other interested parties at the covered bridge on Western Avenue at Guilford Street. We explored the area and discussed tree species for planting sites at each end of the covered bridge. We also took a look at the Western Avenue pull off area next to the covered bridge and decided that an existing sugar maple there could be released from competition and nurtured to produce a future shade tree.

5-21-15 Robert Clements, Tree Advisory Board, and I met to discuss maps and parameters for the upcoming tree inventory to be done by Vermont's UCF council. We explored the Brattleboro Maps On Line web site and discussed what we would like to see inventoried.

5-22-15 Met with Pam Wolk at her house at 1111 Upper Dummerston Road. We looked at trees around her house, on her property, and decided that 2 of them are hazardous and should be removed.

5-22-15 Bill Murray recently called me to ask if I would have a look at trees around his rental properties at 66 & 70 Frost Place. I met with the people renting the houses there and we looked at 2 dead trees and a butternut tree that is infected with butternut canker, all on Bills property. The butternut tree hangs over the driveway and is dropping dead wood onto the cars below. One of the dead trees is very large, possibly a bigtooth aspen, and could possibly reach one of the houses if it fell. I advised Bill to remove the large dead tree. I told Bill that the butternut is infected and will continue to produce dead wood and that, in my opinion, the tree needs to have the dead wood cut out of it to protect the cars below. Another option is to remove the tree.

5-22-15 I visited the listers at the Brattleboro town office to see what maps they could provide for the upcoming tree inventory. They sent me to the Windham Regional Commission, Main Street – Brattleboro, where I met with Jeff Nugent. Jeff showed me a map that will be perfect for our needs. Jeff will make 2 copies of the map and Robert Clements will pick them up.

5-28-15 Met with Christy Johnson at her house, 61 Washington Street, to have a look at a declining red maple in her front yard. I told her that the tree needs professional care. She said that she knows an arborist and will call him to tend to the tree. Since then I have noticed several red maple trees around town that are exhibiting the same signs of decline, heavy seed crop and sparse foliage. I will ask Bob Everingham, local arborist and Tree Advisory Board member, if he knows what is causing the decline.

6-4-15 Met with Hannah O'Connell and Steve Barrett, Brattleboro's Department of Public Works, at 877 South Street to discuss proposed tree removals by Green Mountain Power (GMP) to facilitate a new power line configuration there. Donna, a GMP representative, stopped by. Four healthy trees in the town's right of way are scheduled for removal. The power line reconfiguration is needed there. We would usually post the trees for a public hearing and announce it in the local newspaper but in this case I didn't see the need. State statute gives power companies the right to do this work with or without the town's permission. But I thanked Hannah, Steve, and Donna for inviting me to look at the proposed removals and asked that I continue to be informed of GMP's tree trimming and proposed removals in the town of Brattleboro in the future.

6-8-15 Met with Robert Clements to have a look at the maps provided by Jeff Nugent. We discussed parameters for the upcoming tree inventory and will present our thoughts to the Tree Advisory Board and interested parties June 9th at the monthly Tree Advisory Board meeting.

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