

Tree Warden Notes

July 12, 2016 to August 8, 2016

July 23 Paul Ethier, Brattleboro Parks and Recreation, asked me to have a look at some trees on the Common. I took a look and emailed Paul with my thoughts. There is a Norway maple near to Route 30. Half of its crown is dead. I recommended removal. There is a silver maple next to the Norway that looks to be declining. I recommended vertical mulching and deadwood removal. And there is a horse chestnut on Park Place that has a rotting limb that is cabled.

After further discussion with Paul we agreed that there are other tree needs on the Common as well. Paul has grant money available to tend to these needs and would also like to plant a few trees at Memorial Park. I will ask the Tree Board for their input on tree work at the Common as well as tree plantings on the Common and at Memorial Park.

August 3 Patrick Moreland, Assistant Town Manager, has been working with Green Mountain Power (GMP) and others to build a charging station for vehicles at the north end of the island in the High Grove parking lot. The construction could impact a tree in the island. Patrick has included me in the discussions that began last fall.

After many emails back and forth with GMP, Patrick, myself, and Peck Electric we came to an agreement to build the charging station on a raised concrete pad that will stand over the tree's roots and will not need excavation into the tree's roots.

August 5 Mallory Elliot asked me to have a look at some possibly hazardous trees on her property at 50 Hampshire Circle in West Brattleboro. We looked at a dozen large trees, mostly white pine, and identified 2 that are hazardous and should be removed.

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