

Tree Warden Notes

July 15, 2015 to August 11, 2015

7-16-15 Hannah O'Connell, Department of Public Works (DPW) and I had a look at 2 large black locust trees on town property, on a bank on Forest Street. We decided that the 2 trees were hazardous and need to be removed. They both had rot in the stump and both leaned heavily toward houses across the road. Well established and well anchored smaller sugar maples were under and around the locust trees and will hopefully take over the hillside there once the locust trees are removed.

7-19-15 I met with Martin Webster, Helene Henry, and Roz Blake (2 Tree Advisory Board members and 1 professional landscaper and street tree expert) at the previous Lawton Dry Cleaner's building at the corner of Church Street and Elliot Street. We planted a 2 ½ " caliper red maple there. It is a beautiful site and a beautiful sight.

7-20-15 I visited the grey birch clump out front of the Brooks Memorial Library. In the middle of the clump are 3 young root sprouts of about 1" in caliper. They will most likely replace the existing older and larger birch trees in time. I pruned the 3 root sprouts and cut vines out of them. I emailed Gerry Carboni, Brooks Memorial Library, and let him know that the 3 root sprouts are there and are ready to take over the site whenever needed.

7-23-15 Robert Clements (Tree Advisory Board member) and I met to answer questions put forth by Elise Schadler (Vermont Urban & Community Forestry program) in an email in regards to an upcoming street tree survey. Elise and a crew will do the survey. We will give directions on what we want to see surveyed. Robert and I emailed Elise with our answers and thoughts on the project.

7-24-15 Helene Henry told me that Susie Walker of 'Turning Point', an establishment at the corner of Elm and Frost Streets, is interested in getting a tree planted there. I called Susie and invited her to our next meeting (8-11-15) to discuss the possibility of the Tree Advisory Board helping her to make that happen.

7-25-15 Martin Webster (professional landscaper and street tree expert) and I met at the covered bridge at the corner of Western Avenue and Guilford Street to plant a 2 ½ " caliper red maple tree at the south end of the bridge. We did it and it is a beauty. It will give shade to a picnic table there in time.

8-3-15 I met with Hannah O'Connell and a new DPW employee, Ryan, to have a look at a tree on Hinesburg Road. The tree is a large red oak on the left side of the road leaving town, just past Abbott Road. The tree leans way out over Hinesburg Road. DPW is doing road repairs there and thought that we should have a look at the tree while they are there. We met with Al Franklin, DPW, at the site. After careful inspection the tree was deemed well rooted and stable, not hazardous at this time. We all agreed that the tree should be allowed to be there for the time being, but should be assessed periodically for the possibility of root disease as well as its stability and root purchase.

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