

# Tree Warden Notes

## August 10, 2016 to September 13, 2016

**August 20** Robert Clements, Tree Board member, and I have been working on putting together a map and a list of trees for the Common. Robert suggested that I speak with Elise Schaedler, Vermont Urban & Community Forestry, about converting the map and list of trees that she and crew came up with in a tree survey last fall for the Common. Elise did that and I received it.

**August 30** I met with Cindy Jerome, Director of Bradley House nursing home on Harris Ave, to look at a large dead red pine tree in the woods next to their parking lot. The neighbor, Bob, was concerned that it might fall on his property. We decided that it might fall on his property, but would land in the woods and could be taken care of then.

**August 31** I met with Hannah O'Connell, DPW, to look at trees around the Preston parking lot on Flat Street. Someone has been cutting vines along the Whetstone Brook bank to release the trees there. The vines were killing the trees. While there we noticed that the two newly planted trees along the Whetstone pathway had been damaged by weed whackers. Hannah said that she would talk with those responsible. I noticed more weed whacking damage to trees at the High-Grove parking lot later.

**September 2** I got a call from Tim Cleveland, supervisor of grounds and general maintenance for State of Vermont government buildings. Tim wants to remove trees that are in the island of the State parking area adjacent to the Municipal Center on Linden Street. I told him that the town Tree Warden (me) has no jurisdiction there and that he can do as he pleases. Tim asked for a good replacement and I suggested serviceberry tree (Amelanchier).

**September 6** I got a call from Lois Trezise. She has a house at 81 Clark Ave. She was concerned about the impending take down of a very large silver maple in front of her house on Clark Ave. Asplundh Tree Service had been there that morning and tied a flag to the tree. I reminded her that she, her husband, and I met with Steve Barrett, Hannah O'Connell, and Ryan Kaulbach from DPW last month to look at the tree. I had deemed it hazardous. And it is slated for removal. We discussed it some more, agreed that it was a shame that it needed to be removed, but that it needs to be removed to protect herself, her husband, her family, and the public.

**September 13** I met with Patrick Moreland, Assistant Town Manager, Tylor Thibault and Scott Millette from Peck Electric, David Ward from Green Mountain Power (GMP), and Patrick Miner, an excavator. We met at the High Grove parking lot to discuss plans to build a charging station for vehicles at the north end of the parking lot island. The construction could impact a tree in the island. Patrick has included me in the discussions that began last fall. We all came to an agreement to build the charging station while causing the least disruption to the tree's roots as possible.

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