

Tree Warden Notes

August 12, 2015 to September 8, 2015

8-16-15 I met with Tree Board members and other interested people at the Post Office. We cruised around town looking at potential tree planting sites on Canal Street at the co-op and at the Flat/Frost/Elm Street junction. We also cleaned up the planted site at the library, cut vines from the fringe tree at the Preston Lot, chose a stump sprout from the ash tree stump at the Post Office to train into a tree, and other fun stuff.

8-18-15 I emailed Steve Barrett, Public Works, and Jan Anderson, Town Manager's Secretary, to inform them that Bob Everingham, Tree Board member and local arborist has confirmed that the elm tree at the transportation center on Elliot Street has contracted the Dutch Elm disease. I asked Steve and Jan where I could go to procure funding for treating the elm tree. They were both very helpful and I was connected with Peter Elwell, Town Manager, and Patrick Moreland, Assistant Town Manager to ask for funding. They were both very eager to help. Peter Elwell approved \$450 for initial treatment and an additional \$150 annually to treat the tree as long as it has a chance to survive the disease. Since then Bob Everingham has inoculated the tree and we are now considering local arborists to prune the tree to further implement the disease control treatment.

9-1-15 I met with Steve Barrett, Public Works, at the honey locust tree on Main Street that is next to the clock. It seems that Green Mountain Power (GMP) wants to replace the existing light pole there. The proposed new light pole would necessitate the removal of a major limb and a significant portion of the tree's crown on one side, leaving the tree looking deformed with a light pole running up one side of it. Steve gave me all of the many reasons that GMP gave him as to why the light pole needs to go there. None of the reasons seemed significant enough to me to justify the need to amputate one of the tree's major limbs. Steve agreed. Steve emailed GMP and told them that he didn't believe that the tree should be trimmed and that alternatives should be considered for lighting there. Steve then met with GMP to discuss alternatives. GMP agreed to relocate that light pole to another site nearby that would not necessitate the pruning of the tree. Thank you Steve !

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