

Tree Warden Notes

August 14 to September 10, 2013

August 20, 2013

Jerry Carbone, Director of the Brooks Memorial Library here in Brattleboro called to report a possible fire blight infection on a crab apple tree there on the property.

August 22, 2013

I called Bob Everingham, Brattleboro Town Tree Board member, and asked him to contact Jerry and possibly have a look at the infection.

Bob did have a look and found that the infection was not fire blight, but was instead cedar apple rust. Cedar apple rust is not as serious as fire blight, where trees are often killed by the infection. Cedar apple rust mainly affects the leaves and fruit of an apple tree while fire blight affects the main stem or root system. Red cedar or juniper is the alternate host of the cedar apple rust infection. Bob believes that the planting in the island on Main Street between the library and Subway contains cedar or juniper that most likely acted as the alternate host for this infection.

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cc Jan Anderson, Town Manager's Office