

# **Tree Warden Notes**

## **September 11 to October 8, 2013**

September 10, 2013

I emailed Paul Ethier, Park Maintenance Supervisor, asking if he had some places in mind on Parks and Recreation's town property that are in need of shade trees where the Tree Advisory Board could plant. Paul got back to me a couple of weeks later to tell me that he will come up with some options. He did say that the western end of the West Brattleboro Common is in need of a tree where one was recently removed. I emailed Paul back 9/26 and told him that the Tree Advisory Board has an American chestnut that could be planted there. I asked him what he thought of that. He has not returned my email yet.

September 19, 2013

I visited the Farmer's Market property that runs along the Whetstone Brook at the covered bridge on east side of Western Avenue. I helped Dennis Hamilton's High School class plant trees there a few years ago. The trees were provided by the Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD). NRCD bought the trees with grant money. We planted probably 20 three inch caliper trees and a large number of shrubs were planted as well. Hurricane Irene flooded the area not too long after planting and uprooted many trees as well as washed away many of the shrubs. Roz Blake and I straightened up and replanted many of the trees that Irene affected there. My reason for this visit was to ascertain the condition of those trees and to make recommendations for their future care. After the visit I wrote a report and emailed it to Jolene Hamilton, district manager for NRCD. She will present the report to the Farmer's Market.

In that email I also noted that the Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board has a spruce tree, donated by Pat DeAngelo, that they would like to plant on that property, near the picnic table by the Covered bridge. Jolene suggested that I contact David Schoales, Farmer's Market Board President, to ask permission for the planting of the spruce. I called David 9/26. He returned my call about a week ago and said that he passed the request along to the Farmer's Market site review committee and that they would contact me. I haven't heard from them yet. He also noted that their preliminary concern was that the spruce tree would shade the picnic table in the late day.

September 29, 2013

I emailed Marshal Case, past president of the The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF or ACF), to ask if he knew where I could get information about the American Chestnut trees that the Tree Advisory Board will be planting this fall for publicity purposes. He emailed me back with a recommended ACF website and the contact information for Kendra Gurney, New England Regional TACF scientist stationed at the United States Forest Service research laboratory in South Burlington Vermont.

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