

Tree Warden Notes

September 14, 2016 to October 11, 2016

September 22 Paul Ethier, Park Maintenance Supervisor for the town of Brattleboro, asked if I would have a look at the trees on Plaza Park, across from the co-op. People had complained to Paul of trees on that park space that are dead, or close to it, and need to be removed. I had a look and found two trees there in need of removal. One of the two large crabapple trees at the entrance to the park has been overtaken by decaying fungi and will not survive. A mid diameter sized red maple, overtopped by a large ash tree, was also found to be near death, for reasons unknown. I advised Paul to remove those two trees.

While there I noticed that the other large crabapple tree near the park entrance has been, for many years, covered by mulch up into it's trunk space. The tree also needs a lot of pruning work. I advised Paul on this as well.

September 26 Paul Ethier asked if I would have a look at the trees on the West Brattleboro Common. Paul had concerns about two trees there that might need removal. Paul flagged the two trees. Both are crabapples. I had a look and found that one is dead, or close to it, and should be removed. The other, next to the first, is totally encumbered by dead wood in its crown and has struggled to survive with volcano mulching around its trunk for many years. I advised Paul to remove the nearly dead crabapple tree and to have some work done on the other crabapple tree in question, such as pruning and volcano mulching rehabilitation. I also recommended volcano mulching rehabilitation and crown dead wooding and pruning for another tree there on the West Brattleboro Common.

Paul Ethier has asked that we have a look at the trees on the Brattleboro Common to assess their needs. We (Tree Advisory Board) are working on a needs and assessment report for the Common now. It is thought that the needs and assessment report will lead to the implementation of remedial services for the trees on the Common.

Paul has also asked that the Tree Advisory Board recommend tree replacement species for trees that will be removed at the Brattleboro and West Brattleboro Commons as well as a possible tree planting at Memorial Park.

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