

Tree Warden Notes

October 12, 2016 to November 8, 2016

October 14 I sent Paul Ethier, Park Maintenance Supervisor for the town of Brattleboro, an aerial map of all trees on the Common prepared by Elise Schaedler, Vermont Urban & Community Forestry. Each tree is numbered. I also sent Paul the arboricultural needs for each tree on the Common as compiled by Bob Everingham, ISA Certified Arborist and Town Tree Board member. Bob gave a ballpark figure for the cost of treating each tree with his recommended prescription. Paul Ethier has been given a grant to treat the trees that are in need on the Common.

After viewing the above Paul contacted me. His response was that of someone overwhelmed. There are a lot of tree needs on the Common and the price tag to tend to them all would seem to be greater than the grant money that Paul has been given to do it with. I responded to Paul with 'let's prioritize'. I then made work base sheets that encompass all trees on the Common. This base will be useful in note taking as well as in preparing a prospectus for bidders.

November 8 I spent the afternoon visiting each tree on the Common. I had Bob Everingham's tree needs assessment in hand. I prioritized the work that was most important to get done considering the fact that people use the Common. I put at the top of the list those situations that I deemed could be more hazardous to people using the park than others. I also added a few thoughts of my own to Bob's assessment and considered a price range for tending to the needs of each tree.

I will take that data and, using the priority list I've come up with, calculate what work can be done on the Common considering the size of the grant that Paul has to work with. To be considered will be the top priority needs on down the list until the estimated cost is roughly equal to the grant money available. Once that is done Paul and I can discuss Bob's work and my work, then put together a prospectus, invite bidders, and get 'er done !

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