

Tree Warden Notes

October 9, 2013 to November 12, 2013

October 30, 2013

A concerned citizen (I think his name was Kane) reported beaver activity along the Whetstone Brook just downstream from the bridge at the Elliot, Williams, Flat, Birge, and Union Hill intersection. I checked it out. Beaver had left the scene.

November 8, 2013

A board member of Brookside Condominiums in West Brattleboro asked my thoughts on depositing leaves and limbs in the woods there. Someone there had a concern about lead accumulation because of the activity. I told the board member that I've never heard of any specific metal buildups with composting of leaves, but that maybe they should google that as I am not the definitive person to answer that question. I did tell the board member that I have seen where large quantities of leaves and branches deposited in an area has led, over time, to tree suffocation.

Of Interest I found a hemlock wooly adelgid infestation in a stand of hemlock near Townshend Dam last week.

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