

Tree Warden Notes

December 11, 2012 to February 12, 2013

Not much to report on over the last 2 months. I have forwarded emails that I thought were of interest to the Tree Board and to the Brattleboro Forest Pest First Detection members. Most of the focus has been on the hemlock wooly adelgid infestation here in Brattleboro. The emerald ash borer's presence in New York State and the Asian longhorned beetle's devastation of 1,000s of trees in Worcester Massachusetts is also an ongoing concern considering the possibility that either of these insects could show up here in southern Vermont at any time.

There has been occasional communication from State Agencies concerning the possible drafting of a Forest Pest Preparedness Plan. I have included in this report a copy of the latest email to me, received 1 week ago, from Caitlin Cusack, Community Forestry Outreach Coordinator with the UVM Extension Service, concerning the possibility of interesting an Antioch College student in working in the Brattleboro urban area to collect data on these 3 invasive insects, with a major focus on the hemlock wooly adelgid and the intent of drafting a Forest Pest Preparedness Plan for the Brattleboro area. That email begins on the other side of this page.

On another note, I emailed Paul Ethier last Thursday, Brattleboro Parks and Recreation supervisor asking him if he is interested in getting some trees planted this year on the town properties that he oversees. I haven't heard back from him yet.

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