

Tree Warden Notes

June 12 to August 13, 2013

June 19, 2013

Ellie Walsh, a homeowner on the corner of Cedar Street and Myrtle Street asked me to look at a large sugar maple tree on her property. The tree had extensive rot and would hit her house if it failed. I advised her to have it removed.

June 20, 2013

I was in email contact with John Orgozalek and Bob Everingham to help with identifying areas in town where ash trees reside on town property. I noted a few places in the downtown area. I also suggested that the Streetscape Master plan that was done in 1995 be referenced to further identify where ash trees are found in town.

June 24, 2013

I researched the property at 11 Chestnut Street, on the corner of Chestnut and Estey Streets, to find out who owns the property. The house and yard are both large. It would be a great place to plant an American Chestnut tree. Jim & Desiree Doell are the owners.

July 8, 2013

I emailed Gary King, Department of Public Works, to ask about the property on the corner of Main Street and Walnut Street. Subway and 5 other store fronts are owned there by Kathleen Cooke. A tree was planned to be planted in front of the store fronts on Main Street but Kathleen does not want one planted there. Gary believes that her concern is that debris from the tree will end up on the roof, which is flat, and clog the drainage system. At this point the town's plan to plant a tree there has been canceled. Kathleen Cooke's phone number is listed in the phone book.

July 16, 2013

I emailed Jim Esden, State Forester, and copied to Bob Everingham as well as State Forester Barbara Schultz and State employee Caitlin Cusack with the contact information for the Executive Director of the Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD), Bob Spenser. In the email I outlined what I have done to date in attempting to get a burn pit set up at the dump site on Old Ferry Road here in Brattleboro so that infected/infested tree parts could be incinerated.

July 17, 2013

Pat DeAngelo called and offered a large potted spruce tree to anyone that is interested. Pat believes that the tree is root bound in the pot and needs to be planted out. She would like the pot back.

July 22, 2013

Jan Anderson, Town Manager's secretary, informed me that Bob Stevens, one of the principals of Masabi, Inc., new owner of the Brooks House, is requesting my assistance as Town Tree Warden. The 2 locust trees in front of the Brooks House on Main Street need to be pruned away from the building so that staging can be installed for the work that needs to be done on the building. I gave Bob my permission to do that and asked him if the entire crown of each tree could be pruned while there. Bob said he would have that done. He contracted with Godfrey Renaud to do the work.

Steve Barrett, Director of Public Works, was copied correspondence between Bob and I. Steve suggested that Godfrey also prune the 3 other locust trees on Main Street in the center of town at the town's expense. Steve and I had been discussing this for a few months now. The pruning is sorely needed and it seemed like an opportune time to get it done. I thanked Steve for the Tree Advisory Board and myself for offering up the help. Steve will handle the arrangements with Godfrey.

Bob Stevens had another concern about 2 ash trees on Brooks House property at the edge of the Harmony Parking Lot. I met with the job supervisor Joe Lattuca and we looked at them. To facilitate new construction there Joe suggested the removal of one limb from each of the 2 end trees and the removal of the center tree. I told Joe that I agreed with his plan but essentially they could do with the trees as they please since they are not on town owned property. Joe had Godfrey do the limb and tree removal. I looked at the end result and am very pleased with it.

Speaking for the Tree Advisory Board and myself I thanked Bob Stevens for his concern for the trees and his care in handling the situation.

July 29, 2013

Steve Barrett, Director of Public Works emailed me to ask if I would help DPW decide about the hazardous status and the possible removal of trees on town owned property at the end of Horton Place. These are very large trees that I looked at 1 year ago and had concerns about them then as one had fallen and narrowly missed a house.

August 6, 2013

I met with Highway Supervisor for DPW Al Franklin at Horton Place. We identified 8 very large oak trees on a sandy bank that are on town owned property that lean heavily toward houses below them. These trees met with my definition of 'hazardous'. DPW will have them removed.

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cc Jan Anderson, Town Manager's Office