

Tree Warden Notes

November 11, 2015 to January 12, 2016

12-10-15 I walked the Treasured Trees walk at the north end of downtown Brattleboro. I started at the Post Office and ended at the Post Office. I stopped at every station that is on the Treasured Trees map. I found that all trees listed on the Treasured Trees walk are still there with 2 exceptions. The Treasured Trees map lists 2 large sugar maples at 43 Tyler Street. One of those trees has been removed but the other is still there. The Treasured Trees map also lists a Ginkgo 'near the street' in front of the Brattleboro Municipal Center. That tree has been removed, but there is another Ginkgo there, a bit further from the street, that was behind the removed Ginkgo. All else checks out on the Treasured Trees map.

I have spent time on a number of occasions perusing the data that has been made available from the recent Brattleboro Tree Inventory project. Elise Schadler, Community Outreach Professional with the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program, and crew did the inventory last fall and Elise has been working up the data into usable formats since then. I've been in contact with Elise a number of times to give my input on the usable formats. She has made ash trees in town, among other trees species, a priority on the mapping that has been done for the project. We now have a listing and mapping of all ash trees within the town's right of way as well as those ash street trees that are just behind the town's right of way for most of urban Brattleboro. We also have addresses, diameters, and the health condition for most of those trees. Her work has made the data presentable and usable. We are lucky to have her focus on Brattleboro. If the emerald ash borer does arrive here we will have a tool to locate, treat, and save the ash trees in town. Well done.

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