Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board Meeting, Aug 4, 201

Present: Helene Henry, Martin Webster, Dan Adams (Tree Warden) Robert Clements & Anne Brinton (New board Member)

Visitors: Jim Esden - Forester Vt. Dept. of Forests, Parks & Rec.
Caitlin Wescot - Vt Urban & Com. Forestry
Veronica Norman - First Pest Detector

Anne was introduced as New Board Member. Meeting began at 7:00, guests were introduced & conversation began about the "Hemlock Woolly Adelgid" infestation in Vt. & our community specifically. The Tree Warden's report is on file in its entirety, following are notes from the meeting. Dan had already done a lot of work & research about the Adelgid in Vt. forests & in our community. A long discussion about actions to take & how best to inform the public. Lots of concern about our urban forests & how to protect it. Options include - publicity, work shops, education presentations

Decided our role was to educate citizens about infestation & what citizens can do

to protect their trees. Jim & Dan were going to work on a fact sheet for distribution about what citizens can do. Informational flyer would include, identification, actions to be taken & list of resources. We felt action on flyer should happen as soon as possible. The assistance from the state is very helpful. This is a pressing issue needing immediate action.

Dan's Report also mentioned damage to trees in High Grove Lot from weed whackers. Dan will talk to someone at Public Works.

We discuss Main St trees & watering. Martin cautioned us about over watering.

Meeting ended at 8:45

Next Meeting: Sept 11, 7:00

1. Woody Adelgid project
2. Dan's Report
3. High Grove Lot
4. Crowell Lot
5. Additions
6. future projects

Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board - July 10 - 2012

Present: Helene Henry, Martin Webster & visitor Roz Blake.

Because we did not have a quarum, these are brief notes of our discussions.

Per Dan's concern about High Grove Lot trees we discuss the damage to their trunks - caused by weed wackers. The cuts are deep & could cause serious damage. Dan has proposed talking to the road crew.

We also have some concerns about the trees on Main St., they are looking very dry & a bit brown. Helene & Martin offer to water them.

Next Meeting Aug 14, at 7:00 in the Hannah Cosman Room.

Agenda
1. Introduce new Board Member
2. Trees on High Grove Lot & Main St.
3. Woolly Adelgid infestation
4. Watering of trees on Main St.
5. Projects for next year
6. Dan's Report
7. Trails

Tree Board Minutes 6/12/12

present: Martin, Robert, Roz, Dan and Rick (there is not a quorum).

Dans' report

Discussion of additional maintenance day, which is set as Sunday 6/24, 9AM at the Common.

Discussion regarding upcoming tree walk, ~~to be done~~ we will meet at the Post office at 2pm. This walk is to be done with the Brattleboro Museum as part of their tree art program. Martin will call the Bed and Breakfast to get permission to visit their property on Putney Road.

We all wished happy retirement to Rick and broke out refreshments provided by Roz.

Minutes by Martin Webster

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The Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board - 7:00 May 8 - 2012
7:00 Present: Hilene Henry, Barbara Woods, Dan Adams, (Tree Warden), Robert Clements, Martin Webster, Rick Cither & Roz Blake.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Robert gave a trails update - information about trails, maps & historical features are being developed, final copy not yet ready - they may be updated & not finalized.

The tree Warden's Report was given - it is on file in its ~~entirety~~ entirety. Discussion of Chestnut tree project. We were expecting to care for a few in preparation for planting. Dan has not heard any specifics. Roz has offered to pick them up in Burlington & perhaps give them the care they need.

Dan also discusses getting an independent arborists to work at Trees in Crowell Lot & evaluate conditions

We set planting schedule for Oak Grove School planting - May 12 & May 14 with first grade students of Laura Haskins

Both plantings go well - planted 4" Shade "Masters" outside school fence & 1 within school yard.

We also set 2 maintenance ~~days~~ dates - May 20 & June 3rd. We met on 20th - did work on Main St, Municipal Center, Library, Co Op Parking area, looked at condition of trees on Plaza Park

Greg Foot - Janitor of Oak Grove School, has volunteered to water trees through the summer - a tremendous help. Great volunteer help planting - some school staff, Tree Board & town Staff Thanks to all.

Next Meeting June 12. 2012 -

1. Crowell Lot - Site visit?
2. Goals
3. Maintenance
4. Tree Warden's report
5. Completed actions
6. Chairs Remarks
7. Additions

April

Tree Board meeting 4/9/12

Members present ; Robert Clements, Barbara Woods, Marlin Webster
Also present ; Dan Adams, Roz (Blake?), Ric Ethier

Minutes from last meeting accepted

Arlene presents to the board a proposal to get involved in replacing a large shrub which was beside the Brattleboro Drop-In Center before being destroyed when a ~~[illegible]~~ car backed into it. She would like the board to take this on. Marlin and Robert felt that due to the fact this was private property it may be better to see if Trees Please is interested. We will bring it up with Helene Henry when she returns and Arlene will ~~[illegible]~~ look into possible funding sources. Arlene says she is unsure of the species but suspects Viburnum or Hydrangea. From her description the board suspects hydrangea paniculata.

Discussed planting at Oak Grove

School. Martin will call board members and Laura Haskins when trees are available.

Tree Wardens Report.

Discussion of High Grove lot tree planting which was done below the large block wall about 7 years ago. How to maintain and protect these trees? We will take issue up again next month when Helene returns, especially as regards Masonic Temple and church ownership of the land.

The new trails at Memorial park came through the winter well, reports Robert. There is work to be done yet so final maps are not available but preliminary ones are.

Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board - 7:00 - Jan. 14, 2012. Present: Robert Clements, Martin Webster, Helene Henry, Dan Adams - (Tree Warden), Rick Either (Public Works) Absent - ~~Board~~ Barbara Woods. Visitors Roz Blake, Lisa Montgomery, Simin Socci, Brenda Carr & Adam Hubbard.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00. Skate Board Park at Crowell Lot discussed with the visitors. Maps are looked at. Adam Hubbard goes through plans & answers questions. A site visit would be a good idea for ~~understanding~~ understanding plan. Discussion of damage to trees immediately & over the long term. Dan would like to meet with ~~the~~ the arborist who has evaluated trees in the park (Dave Di Benedetto) to get a sense of which trees are really important to save & which are at high risk. Dan feels perhaps Dave Hawkin's opinion may differ from his or Di Benedetto's.

Dan ~~would like~~ wants to have a meeting set up so he knows clearly which trees will be removed & which are at high risk of damage.

Martin offers to be present at meeting. Because the final plan is not completed or approved it is hard to predict the impact on the trees & park. Planner Adam Hubbard does not expect plan to change much, feels most of the crab apples ~~with~~ are at high risk.

Suggestion of arborist setting details for mitigation of damage during construction with a realistic appraisal of damage to root systems. A security bond may be a good idea.

Oak Grove School planting discussed. Students will be involved with planting in April or May. Road crew will dig holes.

Trails Report: signage is being worked on at Memorial Park trail.

Reg discusses map at High Grove Rd property. Who owns it & what work should be done.

Some tree stakes on Main St trees need replacing. This will happen in the spring

Next Meeting - March 13 7:00
in Municipal Center.

Agenda: 1. update on Crowell Lot
2. Trails
3. Oak Grove Planting
4. Chris's remarks
5. High Grove Lot
6. Additions
7. Completed Actions
8. Tree Warden's Report

Downtown transportation grant

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Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board - Jan 10 - 2012
7:00 Present: Martin Webster, Helene Henry
Barbara Woods & Robert Clements. Absent
Dan Adams, Rick Eithier. Visitors - Roz Blake,
Herb Eisenberg, Les Montgomery, Simrin
Socci, Brenda Carr & Adam Hubbard.

Members of SOPC (Save our Playground Coalition)
& Planner Adam Hubbard speak first.
The arborist's report is referenced. Trees at
risk are discussed: how to protect them?
Which trees need protection during construction?
Focus Rept to the "tree" component of the
plan. Dan Adams is out of the country -
returning in a few weeks. Decision was made
to have a site visit with Tree Board, planner,
SOPC, ~~com~~ BASIC & community to look at site,
with Dan Adams tree Warden. Planner (Adam
Hubbard speaks of tree protection.

Adam Hubbard member

We look at 2 applications to Dev. Review
Board. We have no comments to move forward.
Helene will respond to Planning Dept.

Helene announces Bill Gunther's "Big
Tree Tour" on Jan. 28th. She also notes
a gift to the Tree Board. We discuss briefly
the landscaping at Exit 1 along Canal St.
We are happy to advise if needed.

We have created a planting plan for Oak Grove School. Several trees were removed because they were hazardous. We have planted several trees there already. The project is funded by the School district & we will volunteer the planting & maintenance.

Next meeting is Feb. 14, 2012 at 7:00

Agenda
1. Dan's Report *
2. Oak Grove School *
3. Site visit for Crowell Lot *
4. Goals
5. Chair's Remarks
6. Additions (Map of High Grove area
7. Completed Actions

Talk to Baptist *