

JOHNSON TREE BOARD

DATE: July 16, 2014

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Johnson Municipal Building

PRESENT: Noel Dodge, Sue Lovering, Dorcas Jones, Court Perry

ABSENT: Louise Von Weise

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This brief meeting was held outside at the Johnson Municipal building as a prelude to field work cataloging municipal trees with GPS locations and relevant data toward future maintenance activities.

The watering plan for the new main street trees was discussed. Court made up a pipefitting to allow the use of a garden hose from our donated 55 gal drums. Sue mentioned that we have permission from Steve Towne to drive on the sidewalks when watering. While discussing the logistics of watering on Main Street, Sue brought up alternative planting methods for street trees to allow storm water to be directed to their roots thereby eliminating some need for intense watering. This was agreed to be worth looking into for any additional plantings or possibly for tree replacements that might happen in the future.

A plan for cataloging each tree the board is in charge of was discussed. The plan is to locate and log each tree on municipal property. As was discussed in the previous meeting each tree will have a GPS location and an ID number. Court proposed Tree ID numbers be prefixed with the map number they are located on which was approved by all members present. The map prefix was then followed by a specific ID number starting with 001 for each tree. All maintenance activities will be logged in a future database for easy access and organization. Each tree will also have a page in the newly created binder where notes are added each time it is visited.

The sit-down portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. Then the inventory started with Noel running the GPS and Sue taking notes. Realizing there was not enough work for all 4 of us, Court and Dorcas volunteered to start removing competing box elder saplings from the blueberry bushes in front of the building and doing some pruning on a few of the other trees and shrubs in the vicinity.

Noel and Sue traveled from the Municipal building east on the south side of main street logging all trees in the right of way. At the intersection of VT 100C they crossed to the north side and proceeded west to the intersection of Pearl Street before calling it due to low light and potentially a growling stomach or two.

When Court's truck was full of trimmings he traveled home and Dorcas walked up Main Street to meet with Noel and Sue, who all then walked back to the Municipal building, adjourning the meeting at ~8:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held at the Library at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20 at the Library at 6:30.

Submitted by Noel Dodge, Secretary.