

JOHNSON TREE BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014  
6:30 at the MUNICIPAL BUILDING PICNIC TABLE

Present: Sue Lovering, Dorcas Jones, Noel Dodge  
Absent: Louise von Weiss, Court Perry

August meeting minutes were approved

Nobody spent any money.

#### WATERING

Noel and Sue watered in August and had some ideas on how to improve the job. We need more hose, another set of barrels, and another truck to transport them in order to save time and consolidate actions. The Board decided to obtain 2 more barrels and get a 4 way splitter for the hoses. Noel suggested a 120 volt pump to fill buckets faster. He'll send Sue the details and she'll order one; the cost will be around \$80.

#### MAINTENANCE

Over the winter we will develop a maintenance plan and think about where we might plant new trees.

In yet another example of with-it Tree Board right-on-top-ed-ness, Dorcas reports a couple of oak branches on Pearl St. are broken; we'll look at those and make recommendations.

On the advice of the four state foresters who were here for the Inventory, we won't fertilize any of the new tree plantings for two years, as they need to establish more root growth before encouraging leaf production. The same foresters looked at the squirrely locusts in front of Wicked Wings and decided that they're suffering from transplant shock and will settle in if given some time.

#### TOWN TREE INVENTORY

The state sent six foresters out to help Noel, Sue, and Lois Frey inventory and map the village ROW trees on September 8 and 10. They'll provide a report around the end of October. Over 400 trees were recorded, measured and assessed for health, which will make it easier for us to follow organize their maintenance in the future and identify hazard trees. Sue has talked to a class at JSC about doing a similar inventory on the town road ROWs and that may happen in the late fall.

#### PRUNING

We removed a 2.5" box elder and a well-established yew from the amelanchier next to the Municipal Building's door. We all agreed that it's a good thing we have a Tree Board now, if 2 extra trees can grow into the intended tree and nobody notices. It needs some light pruning, which will be done in the spring.

It's too late in the year to do any further pruning.

## OTHER NEWS

-UVM's LANDS program has requested RFPs for their week-long November project. Sue has arranged for one to be sent asking them to do a hazard tree inventory of the town ROWs. They'll make their decisions in October.

-It wouldn't be a meeting without snacks; Sue brought delectable chocolate covered cookies and a good thing, too, because Noel came to the meeting straight from a 3 hour ride from New Hampshire and was about to starve. That's dedication, Mr. Tree Warden, sir!

Adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting will be at the Library on October 15 at 6:30.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Chair

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