

MINUTES: (UNAPPROVED)
Peacham Tree Board & the Peacham Tree Warden
Public Meeting

When:

November 11/2021 @7:00 pm via Zoom

In person Meeting Location: 458 Bayley Hazen Rd. Peacham, VT.

In attendance:

Tree Warden: Neil Monteith

Tree Board: Laurie Kozar, Chair; Cornelia Hasenfuss, Secretary, Jeff Lane, Rodney Reis,

Public: Dave Stauffer

Call to Order

- **Tree Planting / Tree replacement** : One small Red Oak has been planted at 5 corners in East Peacham. The second tree is over wintering at Laurie Kozar's house.

Jeff proposed again that we replace the stump on Jensen's property across the Church to provide aesthetic value to the area. Jeff and Neal will reach out to Jensens.

- **Prepare for SB(Select Board) presentation** –We need to provide Budget by Nov 15th. SB Meeting is Dec 1st, 7 PM

We have completed the Ash Tree inventory: We counted 4210 Right of Way (ROW) trees, and 30 Utility ROW trees in Peacham.

Discussed the trees planted are under Wardens jurisdiction, as well as Cemetery trees, and Town property trees, as well as shade trees in town.

Discussed the protocol for cutting down trees and propose to adopt the Shade Tree Preservation Plan.

This would include a description of program for new trees as well as provide maintenance for existing trees. Discussed management of trees in ROW: Peacham tree policy stated Tree Warden has jurisdiction.

- **Review Tree Warden Statutes & ROW Public Lands Definitions**

Pertinent Documents - available from Peacham Town Clerk: Village Tree Plan, Cemetery Plan, Town of Peacham Tree Policy. VT Forest Parks and Rec., Urban and Community Forestry - Shade Tree Preservation Plan, VT Statutes on Line - Tree Warden Statutes

- **EAB - Ash Utilization and Management Planning**

Steps for management and Utilization, threat and tree evaluation strategies, reporting mechanism, education and outreach:

EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) has been found in Kettle Pond and Marshfield. We need a town forest plan and also a plan from the Select Board as to how to pay for any mitigation. Cost will fall to the town. Options are that landowners keep wood, or donate it, or chop into firewood and create a town stump bank. Issue of liability and safety of removing trees as well as process of how and who will do this.

- **Review Correspondence** Nancy from Northern Spy—interested in offering educational and tree pruning workshops.

- **Adjournment: 8:12 PM**