

Marshfield Conservation Commission  
138th Meeting  
Meeting of 5 February 2020

Members Present: Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, and Annie Reed

Nonmembers Present: Joanne Garton, Dept of FPR, Patrick Pfeifer, Mary McCarthy, Ron Smith (tree warden), Bradley Matrick

Minutes: Minutes of January meeting unanimously approved as presented

Ash Inventory: Joanne Garton

- Emerald Ash Borer first confirmed in 2018 in VT; first confirmed in N.America in 2002
- Current extent of infestation at VTinvasives.com
- Can use “Report It” button on VTinvasives to report new infestations
- In Michigan there was > 25% survival of white ash vs green or black ash so likely some genetic resistance
- Ash becomes very brittle when dies and tends to fall apart; it become dangerous to remove once dead. Estimated to cost 3xs as much to remove a dead tree than live one
- Usually takes ca 5 yrs to kill a tree but usually asymptomatic for 1st 2 yrs.
- EAB travel ca 2 -3 miles per year on its own, but frequently moved with firewood
- Can treat trees, trunk injection (most effective) done every other year. LO can treat trees on their properties but not on other properties.
- Can infect trees down to 1 inch dbh.

Information recorded on Collector App

- What roadside trees included? Ca 49.5 ft wide ROW on town roads. Public tree, private tree and utility tree
- Utilities have a 35 ft ROW on distribution lines.
- Decided to **include town ROW, private trees that could impact the ROW & also trees in utility ROW**
- Tree size: Decided to consider everything **4 in or larger**
- Condition: best assessed with foliage: Include 3 categories: **Good, Poor, Dead.**
- Counting trees: default is one but can lump trees of similar size classes. Decided to mostly **keep separate unless there is a tight cluster** of similar sized trees
- Priority for Removal: **High Priority would need to be both dead and leaning** toward utility line
- Comments Field is difficult to link back to the point

Town Meting

- **Annie will** help set up; Bob willing to help if needed
- **Steve** will hopefully provide water quality monitoring results
- **Anne** will provide flyers for plant sale
- **Anne** will provide a Poster for Climate Change & Natural Marshfield

### Plant Sale

- Sarah Alpert willing to help organize and we will split proceeds with Plainfield. They will also help package material

### Stranahn Town Forest:

- Committee is still working on management plan; they are not yet soliciting input
- There is a link to Goodgle Dropbox where can access various drafts
- Jenny hiring Nicko to prune legacy apple trees on the STF

### Membership:

- **Sara and Rachel** up for reappointment. They need to inform the Selectboard of their intentions

### Ash Inventory;

- Presently we have 10 volunteers, could split into 5 teams of 2 and cover the town. The coverage needs to be organized so as not to double count.
- Both Rte 2 and the Groton Forest Rd (Rt 232) are state highways and neither will be included in the inventory.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 8 February 2020

Approved on: 4 March 2020