

NOTICE

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER RESILIENT ROADS COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING ON ROADSIDE ASH TREE MANAGEMENT

FOLLOWED BY

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER TREE WARDEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TREE REMOVAL

**Monday, January 13, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

**Room 128/131 at U-32 Middle & High School
930 Gallison Hill Road**

The East Montpelier Resilient Roads Committee will hold a Public Informational Meeting on roadside ash tree management as related to the threat of emerald ash borer infestation and tree loss. The meeting will be followed directly by a Public Hearing, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2509 (the state statute on tree warden hearings), conducted by Paul Cate, the Town Tree Warden, for a pilot project that involves removal of ash trees along Gallison Hill Road on U-32 Middle & High School property and landscaping ash trees on school grounds.

The informational meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will begin at 7:00.

The Warden will accept testimony on the proposed pilot project from interested parties, which includes the landowner and neighbors, both at the hearing and in writing at the town office (by mail to 40 Kelton Road, PO Box 157, East Montpelier, VT 05651; by email to manager@eastmontpeliervt.org) on or before the close of business on January 20, 2020. The Warden and Committee will also welcome comments from all in attendance on the Town's options for responding to the ash tree infestation threat and the pilot project. The project may also include removal of other ash trees along Gallison Hill Road and ash trees along Wheeler and Schoolhouse roads, budget dependent. At a minimum, the project will likely include removal of several identified public hazard trees along Wheeler and Schoolhouse roads, as well as insecticide treatment of a small number of ash trees townwide that are determined to warrant preservation due to their importance to the roadside landscape.

Participation (in person or in writing) in a local regulatory proceeding is recommended in order to preserve the right to take any subsequent appeal. Questions may be directed to Bruce Johnson, East Montpelier Town Administrator, at 802-223-3313 x 204 or manager@eastmontpeliervt.org.

Information on the Resilient Roads Committee may be found on the Town website at: <https://eastmontpeliervt.org/boards-commision/roadside-vegetation-management/>



Road Segments Included in Ash Tree Management Pilot Project

East Montpelier, VT

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Title 24 : Municipal And County Government

Chapter 067 : Parks And Shade Trees

(Cite as: **24 V.S.A. § 2502**)

§ 2502. Tree wardens and preservation of shade trees

Shade and ornamental trees within the limits of public ways and places shall be under the control of the tree warden. The tree warden may plan and implement a town or community shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public ways and places by planting new trees and shrubs; by maintaining the health, appearance, and safety of existing trees through feeding, pruning, and protecting them from noxious insect and disease pests and by removing diseased, dying, or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs. (Amended 1969, No. 238 (Adj. Sess.), § 1.)

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Title 24 : Municipal And County Government

Chapter 067 : Parks And Shade Trees

(Cite as: **24 V.S.A. § 2509**)

§ 2509. Cutting shade trees; hearing

(a) A public shade tree within the residential part of a municipality shall not be felled without a public hearing by the tree warden, except that when it is infested with or infected by a recognized tree pest, or when it constitutes a hazard to public safety, no hearing shall be required.

(b) In all cases the decision of the tree warden shall be final, except that when the tree warden is an interested party or when a party in interest so requests in writing, such final decision shall be made by the legislative body of the municipality. (Amended 1969, No. 238 (Adj. Sess.), § 6; 2017, No. 74, § 100.)