

**Minutes of the Town of East Montpelier's
Resilient Roads Committee Meeting on
Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

Committee members present: Jeffrey Cueto, Chairman; Paul Cate; Guthrie Perry; and Steve Justis.
Also attending: Bruce Johnson, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 3:05 PM (via Remote Zoom Meeting)

Discussion on Latest Draft of the Ash Tree Management Plan and Finalization For Submittal to the EM Selectboard

The Chairman led the discussion by reviewing the Ash Tree Management Plan, which he had been updating. The committee discussed the plan and agreed to further review new draft. If no additional comments were shared with the group by Friday, June 25, the plan would be considered as "unanimously tentatively passed" and submitted to the selectboard. [After Paul subsequently provided some minor edits, the plan was considered as "unanimously passed" by the RRC.]

Spent much of the rest of the time on the budget and planned schedule for the ash tree management plan.

The RRC noted the exemplary efforts of Guthrie and the East Montpelier road crew in removing hazard and potential hazard ash trees along the town ROW.

Planning for Meeting with the Residents of EM Center to Discuss Tree Management and Planting of Nursery Trees Purchased Using the Arbor Day Grant

The Chairman led the discussion of a meeting being planned, beginning with the letter that he sent to residents of Center Road in the area between Brazier Road and Bliss Road, the parameters of the planting project. Several residents had responded to the letter and Jeff talked to a few others as well. The RRC agreed to conduct an additional site visit for Monday, June 28 at 3 p.m.

The town has seven (7) *Fall Fiesta* sugar maple trees to be planted once sites are selected by the end of the summer.

Schedule Completion of Management Activities in the U-32 Hedgerow and Planting of Two Trees in the Parking Area

The town has two (2) red oak trees to be planted at U-32. The RRC agreed to meet at the school at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30 to plant the oak trees and to finish removal of invasives, dead and hazardous trees along Gallison Hill Road. The work would also include selective thinning to promote "keeper" trees that we identified last year. Guthrie will have the town's chipper available so the chips can be used for mulching the new trees, as well as the older trees in the parking lot area.

Approval of Draft Committee Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Other Business

No additional topics were brought up for discussion at this meeting.

Adjourn

Paul moved that the meeting be adjourned. Guthrie seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by RRC member Steve Justis