Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee Meeting

Tuesday November 17, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Tree Warden's Office

60 South Street FL2, Ridgefield, Connecticut

Policy: Tree Committee meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility.

"Urban forests contain the trees that we encounter most often in our daily lives."

Agenda

1) Approval of Minutes of prior meetings

2) Tree Warden's report

3) Members' reports "What I did **to further our mandate** this autumn, and my plans for the winter."

4) General Urban and Community Forestry Information and Contacts: Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests – Review of Municipal Policies https://portal.ct.gov/deep/forestry/urban-forestry/general-urban-forestry-information

5) Update "Forestry Management Plan" => "**Community Forest** Management Plan"

6) "Sharing knowledge with community"

   a. Topics for upcoming (Q1+) issues of Cons. Commission qtrly. (~ 100 words; *eom* **F**MAN) PHOTO!

   b. Content https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/forms_documents/index.php#outer-1084 for Tree Committee page https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/tree_committee/index.php

   d. Need boost for Facebook group "Ridgefield, CT Trees" (2+ years, 354 members)

7) Planting more trees:

   a. Dead tree @Sommlike; ideas for: a) replacement, b) near-term AND longer-term care

8) Other projects:

   a. **Collaborate** w/ membership venues (e.g. Historical Society, Lounsbury House, Keeler Tavern); Schools, etc. with presentation(s)/ "hands on" seminars.

   b. Seven Members for Seven Sectors

      i) Assess Town RoW trees et al. for a) safety; b) continuity of travel, services (e.g. utilities)

      ii) Identify locations/species/size/condition for "Trees of Note"

      iii) Identify locations and species of invasives along Town RoWs, other public areas

9) More ideas for 2027: Battle Re-enactment 4/23-25; Arbor Day 4/30 (we celebrate 5/15)

10) Public Engagement ("…. share knowledge with the Community; establish and maintain an optimum, stable, and safe public tree and plant environment")

11) Adjournment