

**Norwich Emerald Ash Borer
Sub-Committee (to Conservation Commission)
Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2025**

Members present: Chris Rimmer, Doug Hardy, Lindsey Putnam, Matt Hall, Steve Long, Alex Gottlieb, Peg Merrens

Members of the public: none

1. Tree Inoculation Updates - The group discussed recent site visits to town-owned parcels involving multiple committee members. Sites visited included Foley Park, Barrett Park, the Historic Society, Main Street locations, Huntley Meadow, and the Transfer Station. The goal being to identify trees suitable for inoculation. A list of trees (with dbh and location) was generated from those visits. Discussion included a summary of the challenge grants and subsequent donations, further fundraising, and a possible additional listserv request, as well as next steps of preparing an RFP for the inoculation work of ~15 trees (final number dependent on bids and funds raised) and distribution to several inoculation vendors.
2. Tree Inventory and Removal Updates - The RFP discussion flowed into tree removal planning. Further tree inventory work will be needed this summer before tree removal can be put out to bid and scheduled. Trees marked last year would need to be revisited and reevaluated against additional trees added to the inventory this summer. The process (and criteria) for prioritizing which trees to remove was discussed and reevaluated.
3. Next Steps - to meet again in early July (placeholder for July 9th) to plan for further roadside tree assessments. General support for utilizing a risk assessment ranking tool along with the state tree inventory data collection application. Steve and Doug to sort out tree inventory data and maps leading up to that meeting.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Peg Merrens.