

Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 12, 2025 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.

Agenda

- 1) Report of Tree Warden
- 2) Approval of Minutes of June 10 Meeting
- 3) Reminder of meetings this year (all at 6:30pm): Tuesdays 9/9, 10/14; Wednesday 11/12
- 4) Finances
 - a. Resident contributed \$1,500 to the Committee to replace tree near Lantern Restaurant
 - b. Bills for planting and other installation expenses yet to be received
 - c. Contributions to Tree Committee/Rotary Club estimate
 - d. Grant opportunities and other dedicated fundraising (Gnome tree care?)
 - e. Various expenses to be submitted by McManus
- 5) "Sharing knowledge with community"
 - a. Forestry Management Plan revision status
 - b. Content for Tree Committee page <https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/tree-committee>
 - c. Update on Facebook group "Ridgefield, CT Trees" (252 members)
- 6) Planting:
 - a. Updates on American chestnut trees planted at McKeon Farm?
 - b. 9 approved locations remaining on Main (green stakes where needed)
 - c. Proposing (✓=white stakes) 13 add'l locations on Main north of Prospect ✓, 2 more near Branchville ✓, 2 locations on Catoonah ✓, several on West Lane TBD
 - d. Plan to move Serviceberry under Pagoda tree front of WFC Bank across street; suggestions for shrub to plant in its place
 - e. *Quercus alba* (White oak) tree for NE corner of East Ridge Rd. and Governor St.
 - f. Trees for Town cemeteries
- 7) Issues
 - a. Plaques on trees near sidewalks (eg. On Main Street)
 - b. Ballard Green walkways littered in autumn with nuts fallen from trees; Scouts?
 - c. Some trees were marked at Golf Course: ideas as to who/why?
- 8) Other projects
 - a. Renewing Tree City & Growth Award applications annually
 - b. Identifying trees & mapping LOCATIONS using GPS
 - c. Collaborate with Lounsbury House presentation(s)/ "hands on" seminars
 - d. Seven Members for Seven Sectors
 - i) Assess Town RoW trees et al. for a) safety; b) continuity of travel & utilities
 - ii) Identify locations for "trees of note"
 - iii) Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests – Review of Municipal Policies
- 9) Public Engagement (".... share knowledge with the Community; establish and maintain an optimum, stable, and safe public tree and plant environment")
- 10) Adjournment