

Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 11, 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.

Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes of prior meetings
- 2) Tree Warden's report
- 3) Members' reports "What I did this summer"
- 4) General Urban and Community Forestry Information and Contacts "Urban forests contain the trees that we encounter most often in our daily lives." 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" => "Urban" <> "Community" Forestry Management Plan
- 6) "Sharing knowledge with community"
 - a. Topic for next issue of Cons. Commission quarterly (~ 100 words; *eom* FMAN) 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, 329 members)
- 7) Planting more trees:
 - a. Main Street + gateways (CT highways & important Town roads): **\$25K** more progress in F27
 - b. Schools: RHS: 1 done, 4 to go; Farmingville? (Kitsey); Branchville?
 - c. **\$25K** Trees for Town cemeteries (Branchville, Mapleshade/Olde Town, Ridgebury).
- 8) Other projects:
 - a. Collaborate w/ membership venues (Historical Society, Lounsbury House etc.) 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" (Don)
- 9) Recap & Ideas for next year: Official Arbor Day is April 30, 2027. Discuss date, additional publicity ideas beyond flag, signs, favors etc.
- 10) Public Engagement (".... share knowledge with the Community; establish and maintain an optimum, stable, and safe public tree and plant environment")
- 11) Adjournment