

## **Middlebury Tree Committee Agenda Notes for 15 Dec 2020**

The four documents submitted for approval include updates of the following

- Arbor Day Foundation “Tree City USA” application
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Middlebury Tree Policy
- Middlebury Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

The first two documents have been updated with current dates and Selectboard members.

The Middlebury Tree Policy has one revision on the last page. We are asking the Selectboard to approve the planting of two trees for every one tree removed from public spaces or the public right-of-way (ROW). This change would align the tree policy with our current Middlebury Emerald Ash Borer Agenda Management Plan.

The Middlebury Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan contains a number of important updates.

- Middlebury Tree Committee (MTC) members have continued work to increase community awareness around EAB. A more detailed description of work can be found on p. 9, bullet 5.
- As a result of tree removal that has already occurred the total price for removing remaining ash trees in the public ROW has been revised. This revised estimate can be found on p. 9, Totals for “Scheduled Tree Removal”.
- On p. 10 there are two important revisions. We are still considering treatment of one large ash tree at the Middlebury Rec. Park and the replacement costs for removed trees has been updated.
- On p. 11 you will find the MTC’s request of a permanent presence on the Town’s HOME page once EAB is found in Middlebury. That will likely occur sometime during Spring/Summer 2021.
- p. 12 includes a “Revised Total” under “Summary of Costs”.