

Tree Warden Budget FY17

We are requesting a slight increase in funding for three persons, "The Tree Team," for mileage expenses which are increasing due to the need for care of the trees planted over the past 9 years. Very little planting is contemplated, except for special small projects for which funding is received from outside sources. Tree care for all those planted is the watchword

Tree care includes: pruning to build sturdy boles and a platform for crown, placing or removing tree guards, watering where needed, and continual monitoring for tree diseases, insect pests or other problems caused by climate, humans or critters.

Hazard tree inspections will continue at accelerated pace along roads, as old trees senesce, and as regrowth elms die from Dutch elm disease, and ashes experience problems. Helpful in this is an ash-hazard tree inventory conducted in autumn of 2016

Emerald ash borer vigilance will be increased.

Work at Thompsons Point is unpredictable, but with more severe winds and storms (the forecast) requests for tree removal or pruning will increase.

Utility roadside pruning control and consultations will probably increase due to crazy weather events we are experiencing.

The request is for a budget of \$1500 \$1500

Mileage claims (based on last year and modest increase) \$1250

Equipment and miscellaneous expenses (marking paint, pruning equipment, postage, herbicide, Tree Wardens' Workshop, Activity with Charlotte Tree Steward Group. ----- \$ 250

Submitted on behalf of Tree Warden Larry Hamilton and Deputy Tree Wardens Sue Smith and Mark Dillenbeck.

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