

**Board of Selectmen
Tree Issues Subcommittee
Special Meeting
Town Hall
August 9, 2022 — 11:00 AM
MINUTES**

Members Present: First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Robin Chesmer and Mark DeCaprio

Others Present: Dean Hunniford (Director of Public Works/Facilities); Bernard Dennler (Office Manager to the First Selectman)

1.0 Call to Order

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

2.0 Discuss Town-wide tree issues with tree warden

M. DeCaprio discussed the need to create a report of all Town-owned trees at risk of falling into the road or causing property damage. D. Hunniford said there may be the option to coordinate with Eversource on some removals and/or do a cost share for tree removal services in Town. R. Chesmer said the town had a major issue on its hands following huge tree death events over the last few years stemming from infestations and drought. Dead trees are always a problem, but this is not a normal tree death cycle. The Town needs to step up and fund removal of trees killed by environmental issues, he said.

The Selectmen agreed to meet again in a month. D. Hunniford will begin work on a tree inventory. They Selectmen will then try to seek an additional appropriation from Board of Finance to fund removal.

3.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard W. Dennler III
Office Manager to the First Selectman