

Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee Meeting

Tuesday January 13, 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) Tree Warden's report – deferred until next meeting
- 2) Approval of Minutes of November Meeting
- 3) Approve Committee meeting schedule for 2026
- 4) Ideas for Arbor Day celebration May 16, 2026 (speaker?)
- 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" (294 members, begun January 2024)
- 6) Planting:
 - a. Main Street and gateways (state highways, etc.)
 - b. Update re: *Quercus alba* planted at entrance to Chef's Warehouse HQ.
 - c. Update re: Request for dedicated tree adjacent to Library (replace Sourwood?)
 - d. Ridgefield High School 1) near Staff Parking; 2) near SW parking lot
 - e. Trees for Town cemeteries (Ridgebury, Mapleshade/Olde Town, Branchville).
 - f. Richardson Park (2-3 needed); invite public to join us for a planting lesson?
- 7) Other projects:
 - a. Mulching Main Street trees planted in 2024-5
 - b. Renewing Tree City & Growth Award applications annually
 - 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/species/size/condition for "Trees of Note"
 - iii) Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests – Review of Municipal Policies
- 8) Public Engagement (".... share knowledge with the Community; establish and maintain an optimum, stable, and safe public tree and plant environment")
- 9) Election of Officers
- 10) Adjournment