

Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee Meeting

Tuesday April 14, 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 March Meeting
- 2) Tree Warden's report
- 3) Funding opportunities (including grants, etc.)
- 4) CTPA "Branching Out Together" Conference Recap: Don
- 5) Update re: Arbor Day celebration May 16, 2026 (Rudy Marconi and Danica Doroski, speakers; any additional publicity ideas?).
- 6) Two new (large size) "Tree City" signs have arrived. Suggested locations? 20yr stickers
- 7) What is Urban Forestry? "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>
- 8) Ridgefield Open Space (25% of 35 mi²)
- 9) Update re: Forestry Management Plan => Urban Forestry Management Plan
- 10) "Sharing knowledge with community"
 - a. Topic for next issue of Cons. Commission quarterly (~ 100 words; *eom* FMAN)
 - b. Content https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/forms_documents/index.php#outer-1084 for [Tree Committee](https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/tree_committee/index.php) page https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/tree_committee/index.php
 - c. March as Tree Committee in Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 25 at 10am? Banner?
 - d. Need boost for Facebook group "Ridgefield, CT Trees" (2+ years, 303 members)
- 11) Planting more trees:
 - a. Main Street + gateways (CT highways & important Town roads): more progress in 2026
 - b. Schools: RHS: 1 done, 4 to go; Farmingville (Kitsey)
 - c. Richardson Park (2-3 needed as per Steve L.); invite public to join us for a planting lesson?
 - d. Trees for Town cemeteries (Branchville, Mapleshade/Olde Town, Ridgebury).
- 12) Other projects:
 - a. Mulching Main Street trees planted in 2024-5 (engagement?)
 - b. Collaborate w/ Lounsbury House (& other?) presentation(s)/ "hands on" seminars
 - c. 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" (Don)
- 13) Public Engagement (".... share knowledge with the Community; establish and maintain an optimum, stable, and safe public tree and plant environment")
- 14) Adjournment