

Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee Meeting
Saturday May 16, 2026 at 10 AM
Ballard Park Gazebo
485 Main Street, 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) Welcome; Introductions: Rudy Marconi (First Selectperson, Town of Ridgefield); Steve Lavatori (Tree Warden); Danica Doroski (CT DEEP); Committee Members
- 2) Reminder of meetings: Tuesdays 6:30pm 6/9, 8/11, 9/15, 10/20, 11/10, at Tree Warden's office, 60 South Street FL2
- 3) "Tree City" 20th year accreditation; only 23/169 CT municipalities so recognized.
- 4) Tree planting projects: More trees to be planted on State Highways; \$25k capital item for planting trees on Town Roads was approved at last week's Town Meeting.
- 5) Comments from First Selectperson Rudy Marconi.
- 6) Comments from Danica Doroski, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- 7) Public Engagement: "Sharing knowledge with community" an important component of the role of our Committee as defined in our Town Charter.
 - a. Tree Committee web site <https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/tree-committee>
 - b. Update on Facebook group "Ridgefield, CT Trees" (321 members; growing)
- 8) Attendees may choose between a potted tree: River Birch (*Betula nigra*) and a potted shrub Virginia Rose (*Rosa virginiana*). Planting advice and care tips can be found on the Tree Committee page on the town web site (link below; QR code overleaf).
<https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/Documents/Boards%20Committees%20and%20Commissions/Tree%20Committee/Planting%20Advice%20and%20Care%20Tips.pdf>
- 9) Adjournment

QR Code for planting and care instructions

