

REPORT OF THE TREE PLANTING COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Jodie Bauer
Sandra Hering, *Chairman*
Susan Perkins, Assistant Treasurer
Betty Jean Rocha, *Secretary*
Nancy Souza
Ed Walsh, Treasurer
Roland Cote, *Tree Warden Ex Officio Member*
Ray Andrews, *alternate member*
Deborah Smiley, *alternate member*

The tree Committee continues with its mission of selecting and planting trees in town. In fiscal 2014, we planted three trees in town. We are always seeking new sites and donations for our spring or fall tree planting.

We would like to thank the Eustis family for their generous donation of a *Sweet Gum Tree* at Center School in memory of their son, William.

Nancy Souza, Sandy Hering and our Tree Warden, Roland Cote, have spent many hours in the continuing effort required to in maintain Mattapoissett's *Tree City USA* status. Once again, in the spring, Arbor Day is recognized as a tribute of our town's dedication to our tree canopy of the urban forest. According to Tree City USA, which is supported by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program, "*Tree City USA programs provide direction, assistance and national recognition to our community by supporting the framework for a sustainable urban forest.*"

The Tree Committee submitted a report to the Highway Department and the Selectmen, documenting the condition of the street trees on Main Street, beginning at Rte. 6, to Water Street and Beacon Street. This is in preparation for road upgrades in 2017.

Planting and caring for trees helps increase energy saving, cleans the air and water and beautifies the entire community and state. Our committee continues to be committed to the beautification of our hometown. Please consider planting a tree next spring or fall at your home or donate a tree to be dedicated on town property. We appreciate donations to plant and preserve our town's trees. For further information, you may contact Sandy Hering at 758-3008.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Hering, Chairman Mattapoissett Tree Committee