

## TREE WARDEN REPORT 2016

The beginning of the year started normally, until the gypsy moth made its appearance in large destructive numbers in late May. I am glad that the village area was spared, but the outskirts of town were not. This is mainly because the trees on homeowner's properties about large wooded areas, which make it harder to control. The experts say that the large number of gypsy moths is due to the previous year's drought. It looks good for the summer of 2017, because of the ample amount of snow and rain that we had. This helps to create a fungus that controls the population of the gypsy moths. I hope that the Experts are correct!

The care of town trees continues to be my top priority; pruning, raising the canopy and removal of dying and dead trees. One of the most important jobs that I do is planting of new trees and maintaining them, especially in their younger years. I, and the tree committee, would appreciate letting us know if any resident would like a tree planted on the road easement abutting their property. Please contact the Tree Warden at the Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Roland J Cote

Tree Warden