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Emerald Ash Borer Strategic Plan Committee

The Bristol Selectboard is seeking individuals interested in volunteering to serve on the soon-to-be-formed Emerald Ash Borer Strategic Plan Committee. The emerald ash borer was confirmed in Bristol in June 2019.

The role of the committee will be to help update and broaden the 2014 street tree inventory to identify the location and condition of all ash trees on public properties, including along neighborhood streets, within public parks, and along roadways. The identified trees would be analyzed, prioritized, and recommendations developed for either the protection of key specimens or for their removal. This information would be presented in an Emerald Ash Borer Strategic Management Plan that would include a budget and timeline for treating, removing and/or replacing the identified trees. At least one public information meeting would be held to share the results, recommendations, and information about best management practices and to get citizens' concerns and thoughts about the plan.

Experience in tree identification is not necessary. Orientation, training, iPads, and safety vests will be provided. The efforts will be funded, in part, through a grant from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Urban & Community Forestry Program and the U.S. Forest Service.

Please submit a letter or e-mail of interest to the Bristol Selectboard, 1 South Street, P.O. Box 249, Bristol, VT 05443 or by e-mail to townadmin@bristolvt.org. For more information, contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels at (802) 453-2410 or visit www.bristolvt.org.

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