

VACANCY – Town of Danville Tree Warden

Tree Warden

The Town of Danville, VT is seeking applicant(s) to fill the position of **Tree Warden**, as required by Vermont Law **24 V.S.A. 871**. The **Tree Warden** is appointed annually by the Selectboard from the roster of registered town voters (Amended 1963, No. 74, 2).

Qualifications:

The **Tree Warden** should have a background in the subject, is familiar with the science of trees and their care, and will serve as an advocate for them in an official capacity. While the **Tree Warden** need not be a professional arborist, horticulturist or pest control specialist, he/she must have the interest and ability to acquire necessary knowledge of the specific growth requirements, care and protection, and insect and disease pests of those tree and shrub species common to our urban and rural settings.

The responsibilities, activities and authorities of the **Tree Warden** are outlined in Vermont Law in Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 2502 through 2511 (see listed below).

The **Tree Warden** enforces all laws relating to public shade and ornamental trees. These regulations become effective when adopted as local ordinances under authority of **24 V.S.A. 2506** and **24 V.S.A. Chapter 59**.

Shade and ornamental trees within the limits of public rights of way are under the control of the **Tree Warden**. The **Tree Warden** may plan and implement a town shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public ways and places by planting new trees and shrubs; by maintaining the health, appearance and safety of existing trees through feeding, pruning and protecting them from noxious insect pests and diseases; and by removing diseased, dying or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

Tree Wardens decide when old trees should come down and when new trees should be planted, what pest control measures are needed and where to prune. They may enact ordinances for the planting, protection, care or removal of public shade trees. They may appoint deputy **Tree Wardens** and dismiss them at pleasure.

Relationships: (local)

The **Selectboard** hears appeals from decisions of the **Tree Warden**. It has no authority to interfere with the **Tree Warden** if no one appeals. The **voters** approve budgets that raise money for caring for these trees. The **Town Road Foreman** has continuing responsibility for maintaining the public rights-of-ways.

Vermont State Statutes:

Title 24: Municipal and County Government

Chapter 067: Parks and Shade Trees (Cite as: V.S.A. * 2502)

- 24-2502 Tree Wardens and preservation of shade trees
- 24-2503 Appropriations
- 24-2504 Removal of trees, exception
- 24-2505 Deputy tree wardens
- 24-2506 Regulations for protection of trees
- 24-2507 Cooperation
- 24-2508 Cutting shade trees, regulations
- 24-2509 Hearing
- 24-2510 Penalty
- 24-2511 Control of infestations

Applying:

Persons interested may contact 802-684-3426. Please submit a letter of interest via mail to: Audrey DeProspero, Assistant to Selectboard, PO Box 183, Danville, Vermont 05828 or email at: adeprospero@danvillevermont.org

Deadline: March 15, 2018