

**Bristol Town Administrator**

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**From:** bouregreg.river@gmail.com on behalf of swepston arbor works <swepstonarborworks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 4, 2019 7:29 AM  
**To:** Bristol Town Administrator  
**Subject:** Re: Maple Street replacement trees

hi valerie.

first of all, happy new year. second, thanks for forwarding the tree inventory info and the tree warden description. i did go to a bristol conservation commission meeting late last year, and randy mentioned that he had this inventory. it will be interesting to look it over! thanks for that.

in terms of replacement trees: i did walk maple street a couple of months ago and thought a decent replacement tree would be a cultivar red maple, the Autumn Blaze. there are several reasons for this as a replacement (you can also find copious information online about this tree):

- 1) they are used extensively in urban settings due to their tolerance of urban challenges (salt, flooding, drought, compaction).
- 2) they grow relatively quickly, with some putting on as much as 3 feet of growth per year (although i doubt that would be the case in vermont, where the growth season is so short. my guess is about a foot a year). the reason i mention this as a positive is that we would want something that doesn't take forever to make an aesthetic impact for residents and walkers (sugar maples, for example, are slow growers).
- 3) as the name suggests, they are brilliantly red in the fall, and have won cudos galore for being a spectacular fall tree.
- 4) and they are a type of maple (hopefully countering doug corkin's adage that "maple street doesn't have any maples on it"!)

some concerns with this tree: if planted too closely to the sidewalk, there could be heaving. i would recommend me or someone with planting skills to be present prior to planting or during the planting to supervise the distance to the sidewalk. i am not sure as to how often sidewalks are repaired or replaced. my guess is there would be at least 20+ years before heaving were an issue, especially if the trees were strategically planted. other than this one negative, the Autumn Blaze seems ideal.

i am not sure who the town of bristol uses for trees. i contacted chris urban, who runs a small orchard in monkton. he carries the trees and seemed interested in the job. however, green haven most likely carries them, plus they would guarantee the plantings for one year after installation. they would also do the plantings. sometimes this is a better bet: you pay more for this service, but you also get a replacement tree if the one they installs fails.

the time frame for this would be when the ground thaws in the spring. the earlier, the better. i could be the point person to find the costs of trees and installation, unless this is something the town would put out to bid. let me know if i can be of help here.

i hope this helps. i am sorry this took so long to get to you! i have been pretty flat out with unexpectedly good winter weather for tree work!

happy new year again!

john

On Wed, Jan 2, 2019 at 1:25 PM Bristol Town Administrator <[townadmin@bristolvt.org](mailto:townadmin@bristolvt.org)> wrote:

Hi John,

I hope you had a good holiday season and that things are off to a good start for 2019. In case you have not seen this one, attached is a document I received from Randy Durand of the Conservation Commission. I just posted it and the Public Tree Inventory to the Tree Warden Web page: <http://www.bristolvt.org/tree-warden/>.

Have you had a chance to consider the replacement trees for Maple Street? I don't know what the lead time is if we want to aim to plant the new trees in the spring. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year,

--Valerie

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hi valerie.

let me think about this for the weekend, pay a site visit, and get back to you next week.

thanks!

john

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On Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 8:17 AM Bristol Town Administrator <[townadmin@bristolvt.org](mailto:townadmin@bristolvt.org)> wrote:

Hi John,

What would you recommend for replacement trees, locations, and timing for installation on Maple Street? I'd like to get that ball rolling.

Thanks!

--Valerie

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