

Committee on Public Planting
Wednesday 18 January 2012
5:30-7:00, 147 Hampshire St.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting of the CPP were accepted.

Lefcourt shared with the group an article in *The Citizen Forester* about Cambridge's Junior Forester Program. He also discussed the scheduled canopy study, to be conducted for the city by a professor at UVM. The study will also include data on pervious vs. impervious surfaces.

Boxwood blight fungus was briefly discussed; ALB continued to be discussed, and especially the possibilities and necessities of eliminating ALB-prone trees and installing non-host specific species.

The bulk of the meeting time was devoted to a discussion of the list of trees compiled by Dustin Mays, an intern in Urban Forestry last summer. Lefcourt walked the committee through the list, identifying which trees have been planted in Cambridge already and which trees the city might consider for the future. The committee discussed the pros and cons of specific trees (ex. sugar maple, hornbeam, serviceberry, coffeetree), and the importance of the proper siting of trees by size and in accordance with immediate environment and environmental stresses.

The next meeting of the CPP is scheduled for Wednesday 8 February, 5:30-7:00, 147 Hampshire St.