

The West Newbury Tree Committee and the Department of Public Works (DPW) have an update on what is being done to combat the Emerald Ash Borer infestation that has attacked our ash trees, especially those along roads in Town.

Last year, 466 ash trees were identified and tagged, of which 177 were deemed to be in good or fair health and 289 were deemed unhealthy or dead. The Town injected the 177 trees that were in good or fair health. As of late fall, 88 of the injected trees remain healthy and are potential candidates for future injection treatment.

There are currently 378 dead or unhealthy ash trees along Town roadways that need to be removed as they pose a hazard. The DPW will seek additional funding this spring to take care of the increased number of trees that need to be removed for safety reasons. For more information and details: www.wnewbury.org/tree-committee or www.wnewbury.org/department-public-works