

**Town of Bath Tree Board Minutes**  
**January 21, 2026**

The Tree Board convened at 5:00PM. Board members present were Craig Deane, Kate Lehman, Cathy Roberts and Andy Swaim.

Review of the Minutes: The minutes of the December 17, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Persons Before the Tree Board: Attending the meeting was Colton Aaron of Bartlett Tree Experts. He reported on the results of Bartlett's survey of heritage trees in town. Forty-three heritage trees were identified in the three old cemeteries. Sixty-eight trees need to be removed.

Demonstration City Grant 2025: Two trees will be planted on Wilkes Street in the Spring. The tree on Green Street has been removed. The final report is due by the end of October 2026.

Tree Cutting at the Old Dump: Some "Good Samaritan" removed the trees.

Mulching Project at Greenway Cemetery: Kate will contact Rick Weber to secure a work order for the town crew to spread mulch into islands when they have time to do so.

Community Tree Grant 2025: The only thing left to do is to submit the bills for reimbursement. Kate will determine what else needs to be done to close the grant.

Tree City Application: The application was submitted by December 31, 2025. It has been verbally approved by the State Urban Forester and sent to the Arbor Day Foundation.

Myers Road Tree Canopy: Board member Deane will look to see if the canopy needs to be addressed.

Independence Street Construction: Trees recently planted need to be removed due to possible Streetscapes construction. Craig recommended that the trees be removed this February and kept at the Depot until the planting site is determined.

Cages: A session to make cages has been scheduled for February 8, 2026, at 1:00 at Craig's workshop.

*Approved by Common Consent*  
*2-18-26*  
*Andy Swaim*

Treasurer's Report: During the past month the Tree Board account had 5 credits and 2 debits. The credits include:

- \$8.68 interest
- \$1500 from Hotel/Motel taxes
- \$5000 transfer from the Town of Bath's general fund
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- \$500 donation from Berkeley Springs Pride

The debits include:

- \$5454.52 to Bartlett's Tree Experts for the heritage tree study
- \$3600 to Truax Tree Service for trimming the trees in the Dutch Cemetery

The current balance of the Tree Board is \$667.88.

The next meeting will be on February 18, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Minutes submitted by Tree Board member Andy Swaim.