



# Bowdoinham Tree Committee

An Ad-Hoc Committee  
Meeting Since May, 2025

# Origins:

- Citizen concerns about town trees: Cemetery, Town Landing, Waterfront Park
- 3 informational sessions were held in the winter of 2025, sponsored by the CPC
- CPC asks Select Board for Tree Plan Committee formation 3/2025; 7 volunteers begin work 5/2025



## Basic Goals:

- To act as an informational and advisory committee for the town
- Collaborate with the Select Board, Town Manager, and Public Works regarding “best practice” municipal tree care
- To be a resource for citizens regarding tree care or tree concerns
- To work with other town groups, ie. The Cemetery Committee and The CPC regarding best practice



# Key Elements of Tree Plan:

- An initial focus on Village District 1
- A tree survey within this district
- Identify areas of concern/key issues: safety risks, disease, infestation, etc.
- Identify “Heritage” and “Community” Trees
- Encourage consistent tree care: watering, mulching, fertilizing, disease ID, removal, replacement, new planting etc.
- Community outreach



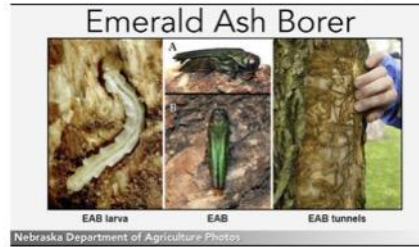
## Next Steps:

- Share information at Celebrate Bowdoinham and other public events
- An informational website, or page with resource links on the town's website, including state resources
- Work with arborists to identify and promote best practice
- Identify funding sources
- Present a proposal for a Tree Care Committee to be presented at Town Meeting in 2027



An example of public outreach -

## Monitoring Your Ash Trees Learn About The Invasive & Destructive Emerald Ash Borer



**When:** Monday, Sept. 15, 7 pm

**Where:** Merrymeeting Hall

**Sponsor:** Bowdoinham Tree Committee

Colleen Teerling, entomologist with the Insect & Disease Lab of the Maine Forestry Service, will lead a presentation about the presence and dangers of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). EAB has been found in surrounding towns, and will almost definitely be in Bowdoinham soon. Come and learn so that you can identify, monitor, and possibly protect your Ash trees.

