

Town of Montreat
Tree Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:00 am

Attending: Chairman Ed Kramer, Elizabeth Hamilton, Tyler Smith, Ann Vinson
Mason Blake, George Sawyer, Daniel Wiggs

- Meeting opened with welcome, minute of silence, and approval of May 12 Minutes.
- Tree Board Table at the Cottagers Meeting Saturday July 18 at 10:00 in Upper Anderson. Board will staff a table with existing educational flyers – native landscaping, hemlock restoration, treasured tree walk, riparian plants, chestnut. Re-use display boards and make additional copies as needed. Ann and Elizabeth volunteered to staff.
- Tree Board Banner. Tyler Smith volunteered to create a Tree Board Banner to use at the Cottagers Meeting and other events. Ed is coordinating funding.
- Educational Efforts during Cottager BBQ Ticket Sales. In lieu of staffing a table, brochures will be placed inside the Post Office. Ed will confirm space and timing with Nova and Jordan. In parallel, investigate uploading information to Town Site for more sustainable distribution and continuous access.
- MRA Nature Center Involvement in Tree Education. Elizabeth volunteered to discuss cooperative efforts with MRA Nature Center staff such as Treasured Trees in public history walks, posting treasured tree map, or summer children’s programming.
- Chestnut Project. Ed is coordinating a project with the American Chestnut Foundation on town land. Mason will add to the June 11, 2026 Town Council Meeting agenda.
- Tree Board articles in Montreat Minute. Ed will contact Tom Widmer about possible content and frequency.
- Tree Board Documents. Tree Management Guide and other revisions postponed.
- Public Works Report. Flat Creek remediation by North Carolina Emergency Management has not begun, but could be before November. A few trees and rhododendrons impacted by flood debris near The Barn will be taken down when creek rock rubble is removed for use in the Stone Bridges project.
- Land Care Report. George reported that the Flat Creek Crossing project is moving forward with grading work; project decisions expected during the June 11 Town Council meeting; and public viewing events are unlikely in the near future due to unsafe site conditions.
- Next meeting July 7, 2026 at 9:00 am. Adjourned at 9:40 am