



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	03/16/2022	Department	Public Works
Agenda Item	5.e) Consideration of costs to help minimize the infestation the brown tail moths.		
Est. Cost			

Background Information	<p>As stated by the entomologist at the last discussion of this, costs can range dramatically. Council will need to decide on what they would like to do before we can cost it out for them. Actions may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cutting out the nests when possible (Building and Grounds staff members are in the process of doing this) 2) Purchasing more cutters and allowing residents to borrow them from the library. They run about \$300 per cutter. 3) Hiring a lift and a professional Arborist to cut nests from higher trees. The cost TBD. 4) Inoculating tall trees at the base. The cost is \$10 - \$12 per inch of the diameter at chest height. So, if a tree is 3 feet in diameter this would cost, on average, \$360 - \$400 per tree. treating a dozen tall trees could cost up to \$5,000. 5) Another option is spraying the infested area. This might work for public spaces such as Quimby Field and the Common. <p>These options are not budgeted items. There is some unexpended salary money due to a vacancy in the Building and Grounds Department. Council would need to approve going over on a line in that department or vote to approve using money in the fund balance.</p>
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Requested Action	"I move to approve spending up to \$_____ to lessen the population of the brown-tailed moth in Gardiner."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	Acting City Manager Davis will be happy to answer any questions from Council.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____