

Waterbury Tree Committee

Unapproved Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2022

Present: Steve Lotspeich, Co-chair, Jane Brown, Co-chair, Barb Blauvelt, John K, Erica Fuller, Stuart Whitney.

1. Agenda Modification: Barb Blauvelt has a concern from the community that will be addressed under New Business.
2. Public Announcements/Comments: Erica Fuller has been approved by the Select Board to serve on committee, and was welcomed as a member.
3. Review/Approval Minutes: The minutes for March 15, 2022 & April 27, 2022 were reviewed. They were approved as written.
4. Update on Tree City USA Tree Care Ordinance: Stuart is awaiting input from Elise Schadler with the state Urban Forestry program. The Committee proposed changing name of "Tree Committee to Tree Board". Stuart will approach Mike Bard, Chair of Select Board to ascertain feasibility of changing name.

Steve will determine if Celia Clark, Highway Supervisor is willing to serve as Deputy Tree Warden so she can approve the removal of hazard trees in the Town Road rights-of-way. This would then be reflected in the Tree Ordinance when it is approved.

5. Other Business: Jan Gendreau seeks support to remove dead tree on Union Street. Also, the lilac bushes at town pool need pruning including large Maple or Boxelder tree in the middle. The adjacent dead tree near the pool should be removed as well. Steve will speak to Bill Woodruff about this project.

Independent from this committee Nick Nadeau, the Recreation Director, has applied for monies for planting fruit and nut trees. Unknown at this time of where these are intended but the location may be adjacent to the community gardens near the end of Winooski St.

6. Field Trips for Spring staking and planting: Railroad Street staking tabled due to rain. Steve presented plans to group. Memorandum of Agreement will be drafted by Steve . with the owner of Pilgrim Industrial Park, Wayne Lamberton, will need to review and approve the document. Hope Davey, not visited, Steve presented proposed tree planting plans.

Committee made a site visit to Newton Baker Park on Stowe St. Jane to draw up plans. Steve reports water spigot to be installed by end of May. The large Junipers are to be removed.

7. Next meeting: June 21, 2022 at 5 pm.

8. Adjournment: Meeting brought to close at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart Whitney