

## **November Waterbury Tree Board meeting**

**Date: Tuesday, 11/21/2023 at 5:30 pm**

**Location: The Steele Community Room adjacent to the Waterbury Public Library**

### **Agenda**

**1. Review and approve October 17, 2023 Tree Board Meeting minutes**

**2. Public comments**

**3. Grants - The VT Urban Forestry Grant program is seeking grant applications by January 5 2024.**

- There is \$500,000 available statewide. Discuss priorities for grant funding and the necessary coordination with the town to support the cash match.

- What are priorities for tree planting and maintenance? Can we apply to get funds for watering and tree pruning such as the Ash and Silver Maple trees at Hope Davey

- Application - Jane will draft the application and coordinate with the Town staff and will share this process with Board members.

- Coordinate to contact town staff and Selectboard for approval and final review. Grant applications need approval by the Selectboard for 20% cash match -

**4. Tree City USA** Discuss process, dates for submittal - delay until 2025?

**5. Bare Root Tree order - From Branch Out Burlington** Jane has been contacted with information

- What are the priorities for bare root tree planting? If we want to order we need coordination with the town for approval for the town to pay for trees.

Note: The 10 bare root River birch and Swamp White Oak trees at Hope Dave were easily planted by our group last May. A few more were planted at Maple St. Cemetery near the entrance.

**6. 2024 Town Report** - Need a volunteer to briefly summarize the Tree Board activities of 2023 from meeting minutes to be submitted in December 2023 for the Town Report.

Jane will check on when this is due.

**7. Sharing administrative duties** - Discuss if other Board members will consider becoming a Co-Chair or a Secretary of the Tree Board to share responsibilities. and communication.