

Waterbury Tree Committee

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Location: Waterbury Public Library

Present: Jane Brown, (Chair), Steve Lotspeich, Barbara Blauvelt, Michael Loschiavo, Stuart Whitney, and Marge Gulyas (guest).

1. Agenda modifications: none.
2. Public comments/announcements: Jane Brown will be out of town: 5/11-6/20.
3. Review and approve meeting minutes: February 21, 2023. Unanimously approved.
4. Update on Tree City USA designation: plan to present Tree Care Ordinance to Selectboard at April 3rd meeting. Will seek vote from Selectboard at the April 16th meeting. If approved by Selectboard, the public will be notified, and has 45 days to bring forth concerns.
5. Fruit/Nut Tree grant (Vermont Garden Network): plan to plant 8 trees behind library in the community gardens discussed. Waterbury Rec Program will partner with Tree Committee. Workshops on tree planting and care suggested. Branch Out Burlington: April 29 (0900-1200) pickup in Burlington. Jane and Mike to coordinate. Possible plant that afternoon. April 18th meeting: stake out planting sites for bare root trees at Hope Davey.
6. Newton Baker Park: June meeting will be held at the park to determine next steps.
7. Tree Committee 2023 Prioritizes: Pruning Workshop: Barb to connect with Caldwell Clark for April demo. Robert Nelson was also mentioned as a pruning resource. Better Connections Project: Steve anticipates we should know shortly if the grant has been awarded. Waterbury Center is target site for renovations including storm water.
8. Town Budget: see #7 2/21/2023 minutes. EAB to discussed using Vermont Arborists-Save a Tree.
9. Next meeting: Tuesday April 18, 2023, meet at Hope Davey Park.
10. Adjournment: 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Whitney