

Waterbury Tree Board -

Meeting minutes, September 27, 2023 *Note: two locations*

5:30 to 5:50 PM The began the meeting outdoors next to the community garden area behind the Waterbury Public library parking lot

Attendees - Stuart Whitney, Barb Blauvelt, Nita Hulstrom, Marge Gulyas and Jane Brown

1. Approval of Aug. 16 meeting minutes and the 9/26 agenda
2. Steve Lotspeich, former Tree Committee chair, attended the meeting. There were no announcements
3. **FRUIT TREES** - The group looked at the ten fruit trees planted June 1 with the VT UCF grant funds and a 20% matching funds from the town. By mid-July, five foot high perennials grew around some of the trees making them inaccessible. In July we trimmed the tall plants and fortunately the Town started mowing a path to the trees. The Tree Board members who were present agreed that two of the trees should be transplanted. The change will continue the straight line of trees and make it easier for the town to mow. The transplanted trees will be closer to the water source and more visible from the flower garden entrance.

5:55 - 7:05 PM The meeting continued in the SAL meeting room in the Waterbury Public Library - first floor

Steve Lotspeich - Former Tree Board Chair and Town Planner reviewed the work of our group and where to find info including reports.:

- The Waterbury Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan 2019-2020
- Inventory of Ash on selected town roads by Tree Committee members with help from the Central Vt Planning Commission and the VT Urban and Community Forestry program / VT UCF
- Ash tree inoculation for mature Ash trees in Waterbury Village
 - Our group needs to contact Waterbury Public Works about continuing inoculations in 2024 for a few mature Ash. We need to request that the town begin inoculations 3 large Ash on S. Main St. and within the Right of Way,

- The VT Natural Resource Atlas on-line is a resource for previous village of Waterbury tree inventories. The Waterbury Center inventory is outdated and only in print form. Contact VT UCF program for future assistance.
- Waterbury tree planting in recent years : Winooski St., Hope Cemetery, Bidwell Lane, River Road, Rusty Parker Park etc.
- Waterbury Center Tree planting: The Center Green, Hope Davey Park, Maple Street Cemetery, Maple Street Cemetery

Next meeting 10/17 at the library

We adjourned at 7:05 pm Jane Brown, Chair