

Waterbury Tree Board Agenda, Nov. 14, 2024, Waterbury Public library 5:30 PM

- **Agenda** - Add items?
 - **Minutes** - Review & approve October 24, 2024 Tree Board minutes
 - **Public comments**
1. **Review the 11/8 Tree Pruning workshop** along Winooski Street with the arborist, Caldwell Clark 9 AM to 12:30. We planned to prune 11 trees. We were able to prune 26 trees : 8 Crabapples, 2 Oaks, 2 Elms, 4 Autumn Blaze Maple and 8 'Greenspire' Linden trees. Marge, Barb, Mike and Jane attended along with Jan Gendreau and Jill Chase from the Cemetery Comm. Jan is interested in more pruning at Hope Cemetery and also planning tree work each year to put into their annual budget. She asked Caldwell Clark for an estimate to prune 8 'Regal Prince' Oak trees at the north entrance to the Hope Cemetery off South Main St. after we looked at them and Caldwell suggested a way to prune them.
 2. **The 2025 Town of Waterbury Tree Maintenance / planting budget e.g.** On S. and N. Main St. Fifty seven trees from the Main St. reconstruction project need structural pruning (* at our Nov 15 tree pruning we can talk to and assess w/ Adam M. about the scope of work) Ask the town to budget to prune trees. After success on 11/8 could Caldwell do it with help from us? Get estimates from arborists for larger arborists? Apply for grant money? The Tree Board may be able to assist with smaller trees. Start with fast growing trees like Elms, 'Autumn Blaze' Maples. We may need to block off parking / coordinate with town etc,
 3. **Grants - 2025 VT Urban Forestry Grant** - Applications are due early January
 - Review the grant, application requirements and categories etc.
 - How does the grant match our priorities for maintenance such as Waterbury Main St. (see below) and any strategic replacement tree planting?
 - How to coordinate with the Town and Central VT Regional Planning
 - Schedule for draft and submittal dates and who will do what?
 4. **Tree City USA application 2025** - Is it realistic? Town tree maintenance budget?
- Important Dates - – Nov. 15 Pancake breakfast** at 8 am at St. Leo's Hall followed by *
structural pruning on S. Main Street 9 am with Adam McCullough, Arborist, VT Urban & Comm. Forestry– Discuss w/ Adam plans for 2025 tree pruning on Main St.
5. **Tree Inventory - Center Green is done.** To be continued in 2025 / Return I pad?
 6. **Marge's action item spreadsheet** - ongoing