

Waterbury Tree Board

AGENDA for Tuesday, February 11 2025

Waterbury Public Library

Agenda: Review / Any changes or additions

January 14, 2024 Tree Board Minutes: Review and Approve

Public Comments:

Tree City USA: Stuart put together the application to be submitted by February 12. The application includes: the existence of an active Tree Board, the amount of money spent in 2024 on tree maintenance per capita, the # of volunteer hours (over 150 hours for 2024), the adoption of a Waterbury Tree Ordinance and a proclamation of our Nov 8th tree pruning workshop by Tom Leitz. This tree pruning event is equivalent to an Arbor Day event for 2024.

Estimate for pruning trees on S. and N. Main Street - Jane met with Jeff Spear on 1/17 from Acer Tree for an estimate for trees planted during Main St. reconstruction. Jeff provided an estimate. Jane and Mike met with Tom Leitz and Bill Woodruff on 2/5 to discuss the tree budget for 2025 and the pruning work. The town agreed to pay for pruning 48 shade trees in March 2025 for over \$3000. The estimate for pruning 13 small ornamental trees was \$750 and this work will be postponed. The town has budgeted \$8000 for tree maintenance in 2025.

Ash trees in Waterbury village - Jeff Spear of Acer on 1/17 noted there are 5 Green Ash on So. Main St. One tree next to the Sunoco Station / 148 So. Main St. may have EAB as some of the bark is flecking off near the top. Woodpeckers are visiting the tree. Acer would charge \$250 to diagnose if there is an EAB infestation. The town requested an estimate from Acer to take down this tree. The estimate will be sent out about Feb. 14. Adam McCullough of VT U and C F may be able to diagnose if the tree has an EAB infestation at no cost.

Another large Ash next to the Hunger Mountain Child Care on S. Main St. has a double trunk that Jeff recommended for cabling and bracing (\$1800) The town requested a quote to take down this tree.

There are also 2 large Ash on Park Row (near Randall St.) One Ash on Randall St is on private property. An estimate to inoculate all 7 large Ash trees for EAB was given by Acer for \$2310. The town is considering options instead of inoculation. EAB has been found in nearby towns of Stowe and Middlesex.

Arbor Day Celebration & Planting of a tree to honor Steve Lotspeich We need to select a date, choose the location and order a tree and contact Steve's family and Katarina L. of the Rec Program for approval, pick a date May, plan the events, digging the hole, amending the soil, baking pies and getting ice cream etc. How about May 17 with May 24 as the rain date?

Site walk / near Rte 100 and roundabout - O'Hear Court : We need to schedule a site walk to review potential work to clean up the Route 100 corridor. Tree limbs were trimmed by the fence of neighboring property (fall 2024.) Working in the State of VT R.O.W needs approval by VTrans and the town should be notified too