

Waterbury Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Hope Davey Pavilion, Waterbury Center, VT

Present: Jane Brown (chair), Nita Hulstrom, Barbara Blaveault, Stuart Whitney, Mike LoShiavo.

- Today's Agenda: approved as presented.
- Review/approved meeting minutes dated April 12, 2024. Approved.
- Public comments: none presented. Updates:

Pruning:- Center Triangular Green and Hope Davey Park work completed May 2, 2024 by Town and ACER Tree Company.

ACER Tree Company submitted an estimate for Elm Street Parking lot dated May 7, 2024. Pending approval.

Maple Street Cemetery: Caldwell Clark estimates \$1025 for the entire row of Autumn Blazes. WTB strongly supports the expenditure. J. Brown will discuss plan with the Cemetery Commission at their June meeting, and inform B. Woodruff, and T. Leitz.

Pruning workshop on hold until Fall 2024 or Spring 2025

Ash Tree Inoculation:

Hope Davey Park: two trees, last inoculated 2021. ACER Tree Co and Vermont Arborists estimates sought. J. Brown to submit to B. Woodruff for approval to go ahead.

Hope Cemetery: large ash last inoculated 2019. VT Arborists estimate is \$700. ACER Tree Co. estimate pending.

Tree Inventory: No action at this time, planned for late summer, early fall. Joanne Garton from VT UCF to attend.

Rte 100 / Roundabout area Beautification: last meeting community members expressed safety and property issues assorted with overgrown and rotting trees along Route 100N coming away from the roundabout. J. Brown and M. LoShiavo will address concerns voiced, and validated by board members, to T. Leitz and B. Woodruff.

Mulching: Fruit Trees at Community Gardens: WTB will plan to mulch at the next meeting - June 11, 2024 . Burr Oaks at Maple Street Cemetery: TBA.

VT UCF Conference: May 23, 2024, Randolph Vt. Adam McCullough will provide a pruning workshop. In addition, he'll join a future meeting to share plans for Main Street trees planted in 2019.

a. **VT UCF Grant:** Due January 2025. Board will start work for submission in October. Include T. Leitz.

b. **Serviceberry tree/ Three Azalea bushes** to be purchased and planted at Newton Baker Park.as part of Revitalizing Waterbury garden clean up day (see item c below)

c. **Ben & Jerry Volunteer Day, May 28, 2024.** M. L. To orchestrate volunteers in sprucing up "orphan gardens" around town.

d. **Tree City USA designation** discussed. Applications open in September, close in December. Plan is to apply. Financial justification will be determined.

Example: recent Tree Board activity obtaining trees: Mike 4 hours, Barb and Jane 7 hours. ? Going hourly rate.can be supplied by VT UCF program

e. **Memorial tree planted for Steve Lotspeich.** Sugar Maple suggested. Mike able to get from Horsefords for \$324.59.Our group needs to plan a location,, tree type and organize the event

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart Whitney