

Waterbury Tree Board

MEETING MINUTES **5:30 PM Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

Waterbury Public Library

Present - Stuart Whitney, Marge Gulyas, Barb Blauvelt, Jane Brown & Nita Hultstrom by telephone

Agenda: Review / No changes or additions were added

December 9, 2024 TB Meeting Minutes: Reviewed and Approved

Public Comments:NONE

Tree City USA: Application for Waterbury application is due by February 15. Stuart has been leading this effort so far. We discussed and reviewed data in the draft application. WTB had over 150 volunteer hours in 2024, We will contact Town manager Tom Leitz to review the application, and obtain town support.

O'Hear Court : VTrans cut back tree limbs that were seen as endangering neighboring property (fall 2024). We would like to have a site walk to review potential work to clean up the Route 100 corridor. If we work in the State of VT R.O.W we would need approval from VTrans. After a site walk we will determine the next steps.

Community Path of Waterbury Jane emailed Katarina L., the Waterbury Rec Director to offer WTB help with selection and possibly planting of new trees along the path in 2025 and possible order of bare root trees from Branch Out Burlington with no response. Follow up is needed.

Town grant application - Tom Leitz contacted Jane in December about a Town application for a grant including any new tree planting within the historic, designated downtown. He asked for new tree locations that the WTB might consider. The designated downtown area is very limited. Jane recommended that a few shade trees could possibly be planted along the driveway at the Winooski Street entrance to Rusty Parker and at the end of the Community Garden path – if the grant is successful.

Estimate for pruning trees on S. and N. Main Street is needed for 2025 work

Next (second Tuesday) WTB meetings : February 11, March 11, April 8

The meeting adjourned at 7 PM

Submitted by Jane Brown, W T Board Chair

