

*Waterbury Tree Board
MEETING MINUTES
Feb. 11 2025
Tues. 5:30 PM
Waterbury Public Library*

Agenda: No changes or additions

January 14, 2024 Tree Board Meeting Minutes: Approved

Attendees: - WTB members: Nita Hultstrom, Marge Gulyas, Stuart Whitney, Jane Brown

Public Comments: None present Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7PM

Tree City USA: The application was submitted by Stuart. We fulfilled the criteria: an active Tree Board, the adequate amount of money spent by the town in 2024 on tree maintenance per capita, over 150 volunteer hours for 2024, the adoption of a Waterbury Tree Ordinance and a proclamation of our Nov 8th tree pruning workshop by Town Manager, Tom Leitz. The tree pruning event along Winooski St. last November was our 2024 Arbor Day event. (The Town made a proclamation)

Site walk / near Rte 100 and roundabout - O'Hear Court: We need to schedule a site walk

Estimate for structural 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. She and Mike Lo Schiavo met with Tom Leitz and Bill Woodruff on Feb. 5 to discuss the tree budget for 2025 and pruning work. The town agreed to pay for structural pruning of 48 shade trees in March 2025 for over \$3000. The estimate for pruning 13 small ornamental trees was \$750. This work will be postponed. The 2025 tree budget is \$8000.

Ash trees in Waterbury village -Discussion of the number of Ash and the options: S. Main St. - There are 5 Green Ash on So. Main St. One tree next to the Sunoco Station / 148 So. Main St. may have EAB. Bark is "flecking" off near the top. Acer Tree would charge \$250 to diagnose an EAB infestation. The large Ash next to the Hunger Mountain Child Care at 137 S. Main St. has a double trunk. Jeff recommended for cabling and bracing (\$1800) The town requested a quote to take

down this tree. This estimate to cut down both trees will be sent out about Feb. 14 by Acer Tree Co. EAB Diagnosis - Jane and Mike will contact Adam McCullough of VT UCF to see if he will come by for a diagnosis (no cost.)

Park Row and Randall St.- There are 2 large Ash near Randall St. There is one Ash on Randall St 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 such as taking down the trees. EAB has been found in nearby towns of Stowe and Middlesex.

Saturday, May 17 Arbor Day Celebration / Tree planting to honor Steve Lotspeich At our next March 11 meeting we will meet at 5:15 by the library parking lot to walk and select the tree location and type. We will order the tree wholesale. Barb Blauvelt has written to Judith Lotspeich. We still need to plan the event w/ refreshments to purchase the tree, design & order a plaque and pre- dig the hole and amend the soil and advertise the event. May 24 is the rain date. We have not determined who will pay for the tree or the plaque. Donations? The tree could be paid for from the town's annual Tree Budget. We will need to get approval from Katarina L. of the Rec Program. Jane will reserve the library's nearby SAL room for refreshments.