

## **Waterbury Tree Board AGENDA Tuesday, March 11 2025 Waterbury Public Library**

**5:15 pm Meet outdoors** next to Waterbury library parking lot to select memorial tree location

**5:30 PM Continue indoors** at Waterbury Public Library on second floor Red Room

**Today's Agenda:** Review / Any changes or additions

**Feb. 11, 2024 Tree Board Minutes:** Review and Approve

**Public Comments:**

Tree City USA: The application was submitted to the National Arbor Day Association by VT UCF

Structural pruning trees on S. and N. Main Street - In Feb., Jeff Spear from Acer Tree provided an estimate for structural pruning of all trees planted during the Main St. reconstruction. Jane B. and Mike L. of WTB 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 about \$3000. This work is now postponed to fall 2025 or 2026 due to EAB Note: \$750 was the estimate for pruning 13 small ornamental trees. This work is delayed too -see below

EAB and mature Green Ash trees in Waterbury village - The Ash tree at **148 So. Main St.** (next to the Sunoco Station) was diagnosed in February with Emerald Ash Borer / EAB by Adam McCullough of VT UCF. Green Mountain Power has offered to take the tree down at no cost to the town due to the power lines overhead. There are 5 Ash on So. Main St. (& 3 Ash nearby)

At **137 S. Main St.** The Ash tree next to the Hunger Mountain Child Care has a double trunk and was diagnosed by Adam M at the juvenile stage of EAB. The double trunk makes the tree problematic. The town requested estimates to take down this tree. Jane has received 2 estimates from local arborists to pass onto the town. (The cost will be over \$2000 per tree)

A large Green Ash is at **141 S. Main St.** There is no diagnosis for EAB. There are also 2 Green Ash at **90 S. Main St.** and there are 2 large Ash on Park Row ( near Randall St.) One Ash on Randall St is on private property.

Inoculation for EAB- An estimate to inoculate all 7 large Ash trees for EAB ( \$2310.) was given by Acer before the Feb. 2025 EAB diagnosis The town is considering options. Jane requested estimates to take down the five Ash along S. Main St. trees for consideration.

Sat. May 17 / Plant a memorial tree to honor Steve Lotspeich Arbor Day Celebration ( Rain date Sat. May 24). Need to: Choose tree location and tree type. Mike & Jane and others to select the tree at a wholesale nursery/ Horsford's, Charlotte VT.. Marge to order a plaque, Barb contacted Judith Lotspeich who was enthused about the tree planting. Jane will contact Katarina L. Rec Director to approve location, publicity & schedule of events, pre-dig hole & amend soil, pie and ice cream sign up etc. Jane reserved the SAL room in the library for refreshments

May Site walk? / near Rte 100 and roundabout - O'Hear Court: Reach out to neighbors and VTrans. What permission is needed for working in the State of VT R.O.W? Next steps?

**APRIL MEETING on EAB - FRI APRIL 18 NOON STEELE ROOM** Invite Bill Woodard, others ?