

Waterbury Tree Board AGENDA Tuesday, April 18 2025
Steele Community Room Waterbury Town Offices

Noon

Agenda: Any changes or additions?

March 11, 2024 Tree Board Meeting Minutes: Review and Approve

Public Comments:

Tree City USA: The application was approved and a plaque and a banner were received by the Town of Waterbury from the National Arbor Day Association for display.

Sat. May 24 / Memorial Little leaf Linden tree planting to honor Steve Lotspeich Arbor Day Celebration Judith Lotspeich was connected and is enthused about the tree planting. The Waterbury Recreation Director, Katarina L. approved the tree location. The SAL room has been reserved for refreshments. **ACTION ITEMS:** Selectboard to approve on 4/21 the plaque and planting, order the plaque, select & pick up the tree at Horsford's, Charlotte VT, pre-dig hole & amend soil, plan dedication remarks. Sign up to bring pie and ice cream, cider etc.

Roundtable discussion on Emerald Ash borer / EAB

First detected over 7 years ago in Plainfield VT and now spread to neighboring towns. The damage is from the borers who weaken and destroy the inner structure of the tree making it brittle. In advanced stages removal of the infested tree can be both expensive and dangerous since the tree may be brittle and can not be climbed. - Adam McCullough VT Urban and Community Forestry program and local arborists have been invited to give perspective on the spread and potential impact of Emerald Ash Borer to trees in our town and options to consider. Question and answer period to learn more about EAB, impacts and options for action. The town is considering options especially in light of its budget.

Background – 2025 - 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 EAB by Adam McCullough of VT UCF. Green Mountain Power took down the tree at no cost due to the power lines overhead.

Village Ash Trees - There are five Green Ash on So. Main St. & two on Park Row and one on Randall St. on private property. One of the trees on S, Main St. may be in the juvenile stage of EAB. The cost to remove trees will likely be over \$2000 per tree.

Inoculation every 2 years for EAB - Estimates to inoculate the Green Ash trees on S. Main Street and Park Row were received. The town has been inoculating a huge Ash at Hope Cemetery and two Ash next to the play area at Hope Davey Park for several years. Prior to 2025 -

Rural Roads in Waterbury - The Town and the Tree Board members cooperated with Central VT Regional Planning 6-7 years ago to inventory Ash on some rural town roads. A number of Ash were cut down. Waterbury Tree Board and other volunteers cut up the trees and donated the firewood.

Preparedness plan for Emerald Ash Borer. The town of Waterbury used a consultant before 2020 to complete a general plan of action. The plan did not address specific village trees.