

*MEETING MINUTES
Waterbury Tree Board
Tues, March 11 2025*

- *Waterbury Public Library*
- *Attendees: Stuart Whitney, Marge Gulyas, Barb Blauvelt, Nita Hulstrom, Jane Brown*

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

5:30 PM Waterbury Public Library, 2nd Red Room Adjourned - 7PM

Today's Agenda: No changes were made

Reviewed & Approved: WTB Meeting Minutes Feb. 11, 2024

Public Comments - No public attendees

1, Tree City USA: The application was submitted to the National Arbor Day Assoc. by VT UCF

2, Structural pruning trees on S. and N. Main Street - In Feb., an estimate for structural pruning of trees planted during the Main St. reconstruction (2019) was provided (Acer). On 2/5/25 Jane B. and Mike L. of WTB met with Tom Leitz and Bill Woodruff to discuss the tree budget for 2025 and the proposed pruning work. While the town agreed to pay for pruning 48 shade trees for about \$3000 this work is now postponed to fall 2025 or 2026 due to detection of EAB in village Ash trees Note: \$750 was the estimate for pruning the additional 13 small ornamental trees.

3.EAB and 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 took the tree down at no cost to the town due to the power lines overhead. There are 5 Green Ash on So. Main St. 2 Ash on Park Row (near Randall St.) One Ash on Randall St is on private property. An estimate to inoculate large Ash trees for EAB (\$2310) was received (Acer) before the Feb. 2025 EAB diagnosis. The town is considering options and received estimate for tree removal (Save a Tree)

4. Arbor Day / Memorial tree to honor Steve Lotspeich Arbor Day Celebration Sat. May 24 is now the chosen date – possibly at noon. A tree location near the library garden spaces was chosen to be reviewed by Katarina L. Rec Director to approve location and tree type, a little leaf Linden. Mike & Jane and others offered to go to select the tree at a wholesale nursery e.g. Horsford's, Charlotte VT. A plaque needs to be selected and approved by the town. Barb has contacted Judith Lotspeich who was enthused about the tree planting. Jane will contact the Town Manager about the details. We will need to decide about the plaque, publicity, schedule of events, pre-dig hole & amend soil, and who will bring pie and ice cream- sign up etc.

Jane has reserved the SAL room in the library for refreshments

5. May / June Site Walk? / Near Rte 100 and roundabout - O'Hear Court:

NOTE - This was on the agenda but was not discussed

6. Next Meeting FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025 - Noon STEELE ROOM next to Waterbury Public Library, 28 N. Main Street - -Roundtable on Emerald Ash Borer