Waterbury Tree Board Minutes: April 12, 2024. Steele Community Room (1230-1400)

<u>Present</u>: Jane Brown (chair), Mike LoShiavo, Nita Hulstrom, Marge Gulyas, Barbara Blaveault, Stuart Whitney. <u>Guests:</u> Joanne Garton (VT UCF Program), John Haase and Patrick Bouchard, Waterbury residents

- 1. **Review and approve minutes**: March 8, 2024. Approved as written.
- 2. **Agenda**: Approved as proposed
- 3. **Public Comments**: John Haase and Patrick Bouchard residents of O'Hear Court. addressed growing concern for the older established trees growing Route 100N within the ROW and next to the fence. The trees are near the homes and garages on the other side of the ROW fence. They fear damage will be created from falling dead branches. These are not the row of street trees planted during the roundabout construction. John and Patrick contacted Michelle Redmond of VTRANS Maintenance Division and Bill Woodruff Waterbury Public Works several months ago with concerns. No action has been taken thus far to clear the vegetation. Jane will connect with Bill W. about inspecting the vegetation and contacting VTRANS in order to address the problem by removing the trees. John said there is a large branch lying on top of his garage roof.
- 4. **Old Business**: Updates.

## Tree Pruning:

Estimates and coordination with Arborists in process. Center Green, Hope Davey Park, Elm Street targeted. Possibly old maples in Disc Golf course as requested by Recreation Department.

Pruning equipment will be ordered using grant dollars. Coordinate pruning workshop in 2024 or 2025 with Cemetery Commission (Winooski Street)

<u>Ash Tree Inoculation</u>: Hope Cemetery: inoculated 2019 and 2021 South Main Street 2021 Elm Street Pruning: 5 Autumn Blaze Maples, 4 Elms Lower Winooski Street

<u>Tree Inventory</u>: Joanne Garton provided instruction on creating a tree inventory using "Field Maps and Survey 123" apps. Downloaded apps and created a demo tree.

Other: Branch-out Burlington gave away several trees free! Several Northwood Maples, 3 Swamp Oaks, a Burr Oak, and 1 or 2 crab apples. Mike L received, tucked them in at his house, to be planted: Tuesday April 16 at Hope Davey Park.

Reminder: VT UCF Conference: Thursday May 23, 2024. Vermont State University, Randolph. \$50 conference fee, lunch provided.

Next meeting: May 14, 2024, 5:30 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Stuart Whitney