

Waterbury Tree Committee Minutes – Meeting July 11, 2016

Present: Jane Brown, Jack Carter, Chuck Kletecka, Steve Lotspeich, Karen Maurice and Stuart Whitney (interested in becoming a T C member)

Grant: Steve announced the Urban Forestry Grant was approved. The digging of the holes for the maple trees will be coordinated with Celia and the planting (perhaps of one symbolic tree) will occur at the time of the celebration for the 25th Year of Vermont Forestry.

The date mentioned is September 17th but Jack will coordinate the planting of a tree with Monica of the Waterbury Center Grange Cultural Center the time of the event and whether food and beverages will be served.

Center Cemetery Watering for small Bur Oaks:

Jack, weeks of 7/11, 7/18 and 8/1

Chuck: weeks of 8/8 and 8/15

Stuart: week of 7/25

Jane: weeks of 8/22 and 8/29

Tree Inventory: The Selectboard requested that 1) the tree inventory would not include Main Street or the precise wording “Stay out of Main Street reconstruction”. Also the Selectboard requested at the recent SB meeting that a notification be put on people’s doors;/ to residents of the streets those trees will be included in inventory.

Jane suggested that Elisa Schrader of UVM Extension be contacted and tailor her notification (usually for Front Porch Forum in other town), use in Waterbury. Steve said that the letter would be printed on Town of Waterbury letterhead explaining the purpose of the tree inventory, why trees in the right of way may be photographed and the trees made part of a village- wide program authorized by the Selectboard.

Jack suggested that Randall Street be the first and also the most instructive street to receive training from Elise S, for inventorying the street trees within the ROW. During the actual inventorying damaged or at-risk trees outside the ROW will be noted for removal at a later date and spots for the planting of new trees identified.

The 2001 tree survey of Waterbury village was reviewed; it is not possible to use that data but the 2016 tree inventory can survey similar Village streets. Existing maps of the village containing existing streets and. Jane showed a completed tree inventory report from the VT Shelburne Road-Route 4 project, While Waterbury is not slated to get a similar report, the findings will be summarized, and may be adapted for use with our findings.

Steve and Chuck will put spreadsheet together, a training day arranged in August such as 7 or 8th. Jane will forward Selectboard minutes to Elise as acknowledgment of support from the Town. Karen wrote the minutes.

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Submitted by Karen Maurice
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