

## Minutes for Waterbury Tree Committee Meeting, March 23, 2017

The meeting commenced at the Waterbury Center Green at 5:30 p.m. to do a walk through and determine proposed tree location and a landscape plan for the park. In attendance were Barbara Blauvelt, Stuart Whitney, Chuck Kletecka Steve Lotspeich and Karen Maurice.

At the southern end of the green, it was determined that 3 additional crab apples trees with a 2 inch caliper would be planted in the wide open area next to the existing 2 crabapple trees to create a mass planting of flowering trees in Spring. The cedar encroaching the existing crabapples was determined to be past its prime and diseased. The tree removal budget will take care of this cedar and the other diseased cedar closest to the Stop Sign.

The committee then drove to the Maple Street Cemetery to discuss further plantings along the driveway entrance: 10 red oaks, 5 on either side were proposed to create an allee when the trees have gained height and the overhead branches shade the driveway. This is a distance of 250 feet from the last oak planted to the flagpole at the end of driveway. The trees will be spaced 40 feet apart and planted in the spring. Two additional maples matching the current maples planted along Maple Street will be planted at the southern end along the chain link fence on the south end of cemetery. These plantings will be part of the 2017 VT Caring for Canopy grant application. Jane and Steve will discuss the cost of plantings with Evergreen Gardens.

The group then drove to Jane Brown's house at 244 Howard Avenue to continue the meeting. We discussed the application process for the grant proposal which is being written by Jane Brown and Steve Lotspeich will be presented to the Selectboard at the April 3, 2017 meeting for approval.

Jane announced that the position of Waterbury Tree Warden is now open. Several members expressed interest but requested that more information such as the responsibilities and a job description of the Tree Warden be obtained and presented to the Tree Committee.

On Arbor Day May 4, 2017 the State is offering a conference from 8:30 to 3:30 with a fee of \$40 per attendee. The conference will offer training for tree wardens, a renowned speaker and a sharing of other statewide Tree Board committee's ideas to get the public involved. including also the Emerald Ash Borer training. Stuart will get the EAB information from Meredith Whitney, State Coordinator of EAB.

Both Jane and Chuck asked to be reappointed to the Tree Committee for their next term.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Maurice