

Draft Minutes for the Tree Committee Meeting, June 29, 2017

The meeting commenced at the Waterbury Railroad Station at 5:30 p.m. to do a walk through downtown to evaluate street trees for pruning. Due to rain the meeting was held on the porch of the Railroad Station. In attendance were Barbara Blauvelt, Chuck Kletecka, Jane Brown, and Steve Lotspeich.

Review of Minutes:

The minutes for the meeting held on May 22, 2017 were reviewed.

Chuck K. moved and Barb B. seconded the motion to approve the minutes for May 22, 2017.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Ash Tree Inventory:

Steve L. presented a road map with an aerial photo of the entire Town of Waterbury that was prepared by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. The following roads were identified that have bordering wooded areas where the roadside ash should be inventoried. The segments range from ½ mile and more in length.

- Little River Rd.
- Gregg Hill Rd. – south end
- Route 100 – Shutesville Hill at north end
- Ripley Rd. – north end
- Shaw Mansion Rd. – large dip
- Barnes Hill Rd. – top of hill in the vicinity of Lintelac property
- Perry Hill Rd. – west end from Waterbury Commons to Windlestrae Ln.

Regarding methodology, we may want to do the inventory before November while there is plenty of daylight in the late afternoon and early evening. The inventory could be done with the leaves on or off the trees. **ACTION:** Check with Meredith Whitney with UVM Extension Service to see if they have computer tablets or other equipment that we could use to GPS the locations of the roadside ash trees as part of the inventory.

Burr Oak Maintenance at Maple St. Cemetery:

The Burr Oak trees will be mulched at the next Tree Committee meeting on July 12th. The dead Burr Oak will be replaced. **ACTION:** Jane will get the replacement tree from Danielle Fitsko with the state Urban Forestry Program. Steve will bring shredded bark mulch.

Schedule a Date for September Tree Celebration:

It was decided to hold the Tree Planting Celebration on Sunday, September 10th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. We will plan on providing pie and ice cream. The rain location will either be in the Grange Hall or “rain or shine” outside with the use of pop-up tents. **Action:** The Waterbury Community Band will be contacted to see if they are available to play music again. Monica Callan and Peter Holm with the Grange Hall will be contacted to see if they are interested in sponsoring the event again.

Identification of Hazard Trees:

One of the roles of the Tree Committee is to identify hazard trees that are within the road rights-of-way or on other municipal property. **ACTION:** Provide information on the locations of hazard trees that may need to be removed, to Steve L. Provide the location tied to a nearby E-911 street/road address. Steve will compile the list and pass it along to Bill Woodruff, the Town Public Works Director.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. convening at the Waterbury Center Green to lay out the crabapple planting locations. Then the meeting will re-convene at the Maple St. Cemetery to take care of the Burr Oaks.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lotspeich