

Waterbury Tree Committee

June 14, 2018 Meeting Draft

Minutes

Steele Block, 46 S. Main St., 2nd Floor Conference Room

Present: Jane Brown, Barbara Blauvelt, Jack Carter, Chuck Kletecka,
Karen Maurice, Steve Lotspeich

Review Minutes for March 15th. The draft minutes for the last meeting held on March 15th were reviewed and approved as drafted.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) - Inventory and Plan. There is an app for smart phones and tablets that is now available. It may be available on the EAB section of the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry website. It was agreed to pick specific times for committee members to continue the work on the ash inventory that was started in the winter. It was asked if the figure of 5% of trees in Vermont being ash is 5% of all species of trees or just of the hardwood species. The entire state is now a quarantine area for ash trees since EAB has been discovered in Vermont. We would like to know how this effects the movement of firewood within the state.

Steve gave a report on the state Urban Forestry Council's tour and discussion at the National Life property in Montpelier on June 13th. EAB was discovered in one ash tree on the property and the tree was removed. There are a wide variety of recommendations for approaches that municipalities can use to deal with EAB in Vermont. We need to find out what the guidance is for what can be done with the wood products from ash that either are or aren't infected with EAB.

It was agreed that Waterbury needs to develop an EAB Preparedness Plan now that EAB has been detected nearby in Montpelier. The Tree Committee will review examples of existing preparedness plans from other communities such as Montpelier.

Maple St. Cemetery Planting Plan. The planting plan for the cemetery was discussed. It was agreed to look at the existing mature cedar trees near the entrance drive to see if a few of them should be removed. It was also agreed that the Tree Committee should do a long range planting plan for the entire cemetery to present to the Cemetery Commissioners. Tamarack trees would be a nice

addition. Additional evergreen trees and a wildfowler garden would also be good ideas. The crabapples trees in the center of the cemetery need to be pruned. We should think about applying for another tree planting grant for additional trees. The Burr Oaks and some of the other recently planted trees need to be re-mulched.

Next meeting date: July 12th at 5:30pm. at the Maple St. Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lotspeich