

## Waterbury Tree Committee

April 17, 2019 Meeting

Waterbury Public Library – 5:30 PM

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

**Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting** were approved.

**Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).** Danielle Fisko with the state Urban Forestry program was mistaken on the eligibility of the proposed match by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) for the EAB planning grant. VTrans would not go along with the use of federal funds for the match. There is a different CVRPC funding program for mapping that is entirely state funds so it can be used for the match. Now the Regional Planning staff will work with us to do the inventory after July 1. It will take approximately two days. We will concentrate wooded sections of the town within the right of way. Tom Sweet will do the preparedness management plan after inventory is taken. There is an antidote to the infestation that costs approximately \$10 - \$12 per inch diameter per year per tree. This systemic insecticidal treatment needs to be done every two to three years to be effective

**Tree Planting and Maintenance.** The Town will not give us any money this year for tree planting. We need to do early planning for request in 2020. There was discussion about landscaping done in Newton Baker “Mini” Park under the interstate bridges on Stowe Street. Two trees were planted as part of the Interstate Bridge Project. One additional tree was donated by ARRTI Garden Club and planted. It was suggested that a granite planter be installed around the sign.

It was suggested that we concentrate on tree planting on Winooski Street and Union Street. The May meeting will be a walkabout in those areas.

**Arbor Day Conference** will be on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Steve, Karen, Chuck and Jane will be attending. The Town will reimburse registration fee.

**Next Meeting – May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.** (Note – day has since been changed to May 22<sup>nd</sup> due to scheduling conflict).

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter