

Waterbury Tree Committee

January 19, 2021 Meeting

5 PM - Via Zoom

Present: Steve Lotspeich, Jack Carter, Barbara Blauvelt, Jane Brown, Stuart Whitney

- * **Minutes of December 15th** were reviewed and approved.
- * **Hope Davey Park** - Steve presented a preliminary overlay of the current parking lot in front of the pavilion which was created in 1995. Parking has become a problem with lack of parking spaces. Some of the trees are failing and 4 Norway maples were targeted along with some others including a tree planted in honor of Dr. Bean, including a bench. Steve will present another plan for the area at the next meeting. He and Barb will take measurements. Stuart offered to organize a cleanup in the Spring. Jane will look into VTrans grant offerings for 2022.
- * **Emerald Ash Borer Caring for Canopy Grant** – There are 12 – 14 ash trees on Shaw Mansion Road, Gregg Hill and Maggie’s Way that will be taken down. Rotary is interested in helping to cut them up into fire wood to help a Rotary Club and Good Neighbor Fund fundraiser. Steve (Town) will get quotes from Tree Works, Vermont Arborists and Potters Tree Health Care. The awarded grant is for \$6,500. with a local match of an additional \$6,500. Also, part of the grant is for planting trees along the Winooski Street side of Hope Cemetery. The Cemetery Commissioners have decided to postpone the meditation area plantings (which was not part of the grant proposal).
- * **Tree City USA** – is a program of the National Arbor Day Foundation. More research needs to be done to apply. Consensus of the committee

was it would be a good fit for Waterbury. The committee will review Tree Policies from other municipalities.

* **Other Business** - Steve Lotspeich's and Karen Maurice's terms on the committee expire this year. Karen has retired from the group but her son, Mike LoSchiovo has expressed interest in joining. Steve is applying again for a 3-year term.

Steve will write an annual report for the Town Report.

Next scheduled meeting was set for Tuesday, February 16th at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter