

## Waterbury Tree Committee

March 16, 2021 meeting

Via Zoom – 5 PM

Minutes

Present – Steve Lotspeich, Jane Brown, Jack Carter, Mike LoSchiavo (remotely)

- \* There were no agenda modifications or public present for comments.
- \* The minutes of the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.
- \* **Emerald Ash Borer/Caring for Canopy Grant** – Steve will work with the Regional Planning Commission/Ashley Andrews to obtain an aerial map of the areas where ash trees are located for removal. Mike offered to help mark the trees along with Steve and John when ready. Once tagged Steve will get removal quotes from: Michael Roche, Eric Potter and Farr's. Healthy cut ash trees will be taken to Town area near the Ice Center and cut into firewood. Rotary will help as a fundraising project to sell the wood. Good Neighbor Fund and the Rotary will be the beneficiaries of the sale.

Steve has ordered the trees from Evergreen Gardens to be planted in Hope Cemetery along Winooski Street. All the trees are available. We will meet at Hope Cemetery at our April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5 PM to stake the area for tree planting. Steve will bring stakes.

**Arbor Day Tree Planting** - There is a \$1,000 grant available with no match required. The thought was to use the grant, if awarded, to plant trees in Hope Davey parking lot area. Steve shared screen of the area. It is a wet area and some types of trees were mentioned; swamp white oak, red maple, celebration maple, white birch, river birch. Mike

MacLeod might have suggestions. It was decided to wait to plant until the parking lot is expanded and construction finished. Jane and Steve will meet to assess the area and write the grant.

**Tree Policy/Tree City USA** – Nothing was decided on this item. Perhaps John and other members can help to write the policy

**Other Business** – Jane had sent earlier via email information about trees that produce food for bird. See her March 16<sup>th</sup> email.

Jane reported that she will retire from the State at the end of April.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM

**Next meeting – April 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM at Hope Cemetery/Winooski Street**

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter