

Waterbury Tree Committee Approved Meeting Minutes:  
May 18, 2021: 5:00pm – 6:00pm via Zoom.

Present: Steve Lotspeich, Mike LoSchiavo, Stuart Whitney.

**1. Public Comments and Announcements;**

- No public representatives were present to comment.
- Mike LoSchiavo brought our attention to numerous “dead” ash trees along the Thatcher Brook area behind the Grenier farm. Will follow up.

**2. EAB Trees for Canopy Grant and Roadside Ash.**

- Barb, John, and Steve made slight alterations to locations for plantings at Hope Cemetery. Mike advised to check soil for quality and stone size/quantity that might impede growth. May cause another slight adjustment to locale for the trees.
- Contract to Remove Roadside Ash: There is \$6500 available from grant to remove and replace as determined. Potter’s Tree Healthcare bid was accepted at \$4500 for removal of 15-20 trees. Vermont Arborists bid over at \$7000. Steve will mark additional ash trees to be removed and negotiate a contract with Potter’s Tree Healthcare for a total of \$6500. Targeted areas: Gregg Hill Road, Maggies Way, and Shaw Mansion Road. Trees will be cut, transferred, and stockpiled at the Ice Center. In late summer, early fall, the logs will be cut into firewood for sale. Volunteers (Rotary Club) will be recruited. Sale will support the Good Neighbor Fund and the Rotary Club programs. More to follow as the date gets closer.

**3. Arbor Day Tree Planting Hope Davey Field:**

- The Dr. Beam’s memorial bench is getting a slight, but well needed, makeover. Once that project is complete, Mike McLeod from Evergreen Gardens will plant two replacement trees: a Celebration Maple inside the hexagonal bench, and Single Stem Heritage Club Birch on the north side of the picnic shelter. Next year more trees will be planted by the picnic area for shade and aesthetics.

**4. Tree City USA:** Plan is to apply early 2022 in time for Arbor Day. We need:

- \$10,000 tree budget
- Tree Committee
- Tree Warden
- Tree Policy or Ordinance to be drafted:  
Plan is to review another town’s tree policies and mirror. It appears that if all pieces are in place, you are named a Tree City USA. We will apply next spring.

**5. Other Business:** Ash EAB pesticide treatment or tree removal around town was discussed. Areas near Shaw’s and Community Bank as well as downtown near construction need assessment and conversation with landowners. Will check out previously treated trees for results.

**6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

**Next Meeting:** June 15, 2021 at 5:00pm, Hope Davey Park for assessment, walk around, and clean-up and pruning of roadside planting area between parking lot and Maple St.