

**Waterbury Tree Committee**  
**Tuesday, December 21, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**

Meeting convened at the Waterbury Public Library located at 28 N. Main St. and via  
Zoom / conference call.

In attendance: Jane Brown, Barb Blauvelt, Mike Loschiavo, Steve Lotspeich

1. Agenda modifications:
  - a. No modifications were made
2. Public comment & announcements
  - a. There were no comments from the general public.
3. Review and approve minutes for meeting held on October 19th.
  - a. The minutes were not available.
4. Update on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Caring for Canopy grant project that including the tree planting at Hope Cemetery adjacent to Winooski St., and the contract to remove roadside ash trees. The project is complete and the funds will be requested in early January along with the final report. The processing of the ash wood into firewood by volunteers for the Tree Committee and the Waterbury Rotary Club raised a total of approximately \$2,000 for the Waterbury Good Neighbor Fund and the Waterbury Rotary Club's Charitable Fund.
5. Discuss applying for a 2022 Caring for Canopy Grant due January 7, 2022 for additional tree planting to possibly include at Hope Davey Park in the vicinity of the picnic shelter and along lower Railroad St. The proposed trees along Railroad St. will be outside the narrow right-of-way for the street. The state will accept a written agreement with the property owner in lieu of an easement. Wayne Lamberton, one of the owners of Pilgrim Industrial Park, has agreed to have the trees planted on their property in the past. It was recommended to plant 7 Linden along Railroad St. instead of the Northern Red Oak that were discussed previously. John Snell with the Montpelier Tree Committee may know what the Linden species is that is planted in front of City Hall in Montpelier. It was recommended that we plant one Swamp White Oak and 4 single-stem Heritage River Birch near the picnic shelter at Hope Davey Park.
6. Possible additional plantings at Newton Baker Park were discussed. There will be perennials available from thinning the planting at the roundabout that could be planted along the northern boundary of the Park, especially in the vicinity of the sign. It was also recommended at our last meeting in October to plant an additional Adirondack Crabapple and Serviceberry. Steve agreed to follow up with Bill Woodruff and Scott Guyette regarding the installation of the new water spigot and removal of the overgrown junipers in the vicinity of the sign. It was agreed to keep this project on the agendas for future meetings.
7. Discuss drafting a Tree Policy in order to be eligible to apply for Tree City USA designation. Stuart has agreed to draft a policy for discussion at our next meeting in January.
8. Other business: No other business was discussed.
9. Schedule our next meeting, tentatively on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

10. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Steve Lotspeich