

Waterbury Tree Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 5:10 PM

Location: Newton Baker Park

Present: Steve Lotspeich, Barb Blauvelt, Mike LoSchiavo, Jane Brown

1. **June 2022 Tree Committee Minutes:** Barb B. moved to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022 Waterbury Tree committee (WTC) meeting. Jane seconded. Minutes were approved.
2. **Draft Tree Ordinance:** Stuart submitted revisions to the ordinance from the June WTC meeting. The DRAFT Ordinance will be submitted and presented for review and discussion by the Waterbury Selectboard. The ordinance will be submitted to the Selectboard for discussion and review before final adoption. Steve L will discuss with the Town Manager the best date to put this on the Selectboard agenda, possibly in September. When the ordinance is adopted, it be posted for review and if no members of the public submit a petition within 45 days for a town vote, then it will be effective as a Town ordinance 60 days after it is adopted.
3. **Recent Tree Planting by Evergreen Gardens and watering:** Steve gave an overview of recent tree planting on Railroad St. and at Hope Davey Park. He will water trees on Railroad St. with some assistance from Mike who gets water from the town to water using a water tank. Barb B. and Jane offered to water at Hope Davey Park using the spigot by the ball field.
4. **Tree City USA:** There are benefits and the WTC is moving ahead to submit for this designation. We can summarize these benefits when we go to the Selectboard meeting on the Tree ordinance.
5. **New town staff:** The new Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator, Neal Leitner is interested in trees and we should invite him to a Tree Committee meeting.
6. **Railroad St. Landscape Maintenance Agreement:** A landscape maintenance agreement is needed for the municipal trees planted outside the town R.O.W. on Railroad St. Steve has a copy of a VTrans Landscape Maintenance Agreement with Bennington VT for their roundabout. He will use that as a model to draft an agreement with the owner of the property, Superior Development Ltd., Co.
7. **Newton Baker Park:** We looked at the current grading around the sign and moved stones to allow the town to bring in soil to fill in and level, re-seed grass in front of the sign and new water spigot as well as remove a big patch of Mugwort. Steve will coordinate that work. We moved the perennial lungwort plants and temporarily planted them behind the sign. We agreed that 3 "Quick Fire" Hydrangeas would look good behind the new water spigot to be spaced between the sidewalk and the NB park sign. We agreed that 2 PJM "Elite" Rhododendrons would be a good shrub to go behind the granite Newton Baker sign.

Steve and Jane will reserve these at Evergreen Gardens. Simple perennials such as Shasta Daisies, Black Eyed Susan and maybe a few daylilies such as 'Hyperion' and Rozanne perennial geranium may be good to go with the existing sign for a simple design. It was agreed to “keep it simple”.
NEXT STEPS -- We will meet for a work session to plant the shrubs when the re-grading is completed by the town, before our next regular WTC meeting in September.

8. **September Meeting:** Tuesday September 20th, 5:00 pm, meet at location to be determined.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Jane Brown