

**Meeting minutes - Waterbury Tree Committee, July 11, 2023  
5:30 PM to 7 PM at Maple Street Cemetery**

**Attendees:** Barb Blauvelt, Michael Lo Schiavo, Marge Gulyas, Nita Hultstrom, Jane Brown

**Approval of previous T.C. meeting minutes & July 11 agenda**

**Public Comment - No members of the public**

**AGENDA** - This was a work session to remove grass and add mulch under Burr Oak trees planted (previously by the Tree Committee) along the outer driveway. Mulch had been delivered by the town. This will help suppress grass and allow more moisture to the roots.

**Announcements / Ongoing Activities- Ten fruit trees at Community gardens. A mowed or trimmed path is needed** - These were planted June 1 behind the town library. Weeds are now 3'-4' high around trees and its impossible for the adults or Rec. program kids to walk to the trees. A path is needed so the town can mow and so that Rec program kids can help maintain the trees. Jane and Marge agreed to meet 7/12 at 9 am to weed whack, assess and report on the problem. *Note -- On Wed July 12 Marge and Jane got equipment and some help (husbands) to trim this high vegetation and open a path to and around all the fruit trees. On Thursday 7/13 Jane sent an email to Woody of the town Public Works today July 13 with photos, a description of the situation and the need and a request that the town extend the mowed path to include these fruit trees.*

**Tree Care Ordinance revisions at Selectboard meeting Next week - 7/17** Stuart will attend in person to answer questions. Other T.C. members are invited to attend / (zoom) in support.

**Next meeting: July 25th-**

Meet to complete work on remaining Burr Oak trees at Maple Street cemetery at 5:30 pm: 2 large Burr Oaks and 5 or six smaller Burr Oak trees in the nearby field.

Fruit Trees next to Community gardens purchased with a grant to the town. Discuss town response to mowing, maintenance of a mowed path, grant requirements etc. (see above)

August - Discuss if we can skip the August meeting

Future - September? Pruning of Burr Oaks in November, 2023 at Maple Street cemetery. Town approval is needed in advance to pay a vendor/ arborist. Vendors must register in advance if they wish to be paid. Schedule work with an arborist. Invite the Waterbury Cemetery Committee.