

Tree Board Meeting Minutes - November, 14, 2023

Location: Waterbury Public Library SAL ROOM

Time: 5:30 PM start / Adjourn at 7 PM

Attendees: Stuart Whitney, Nita Hultstrom, Marge Gulyas, Jane Brown

Approved the Meeting Minutes for 10/17/23 and for **Agenda 11/14, 2023**

Public Comments/ Announcements – none

Agenda

VT Urban and Community Forestry Grant Application due January 5, 2024

There is \$70,000 available statewide in grant funds with a 50% or 1:1 match needed. Volunteer hours can be used as a match. Planting of new trees and tree maintenance are eligible. We discussed requesting grants funds for

- Tree planting a few shade trees in the open area at the Maple Street Cemetery
- Plant 5 Fruit Trees next to the Community Gardens in Waterbury
- Pruning trees at the Hope Davey Park and Center Green
- Watering newly planted trees in Waterbury Center

Coordination with the Town for the grant and matching funds. Look into location at the Town office for previous tree grants and other info in the town files

Maintenance- The Tree Board wishes to create a tree inventory and to work with the town to get tree pruning work and inoculation completed where needed.

- **Inoculate Ash against Emerald Ash Borer / EAB Trees-** A few large Ash trees were inoculated by the town in 2022. One is in Hope Cemetery. Jane contacted the Public Works Director, Bill Woodruff about budgeting for Ash inoculation in 2024 and sent him the street addresses for 3 large Ash on South Main Street.
- VT Arborists did the inoculation for other Ash at Hope Cemetery in 2022. Note: The cost is per caliper inch. Trees should be inoculated every 2 years.

Coordination - Invite Waterbury Public Works Director, Bill Woodruff in January 2024
TREE CITY USA application - We will pick this up in 2024 and track volunteer hours.

Branch OUT Burlington - Get Town approval to order bare root trees prior to ordering for 2024 planting at Hope Davey natural areas.

Action items spreadsheet-

Marge offered to begin a spreadsheet to keep track of the many action items & completion dates.

Stuart and Nita - Start to set up Tree Inventory Spreadsheet

Jane - -Check with the town staff on the past grants and previous Tree Board info in the town files.

- Invite Bill Woodard, Public Works Director to our January meeting

-Draft the VT UCF grant application and cost estimate for review by the Town. They will submit the application and will approve the required 50% match.

-Get approval from Town for bare root trees and order them from Branch Out Burlington in December. Trees are for wet areas at Hope Davey Park. (similar to 1993 planting)