

**AGENDA for Waterbury Tree Board - May, 6, 2025**  
**Waterbury Public Library - 2nd floor Red Room 5:30 - 7 PM**

**Agenda** - Changes or Additions

**April 18, 2025 Tree Board Meeting Minutes:** Review and Approve

**Public Comments:** Attendees? .

**1. Review the topic of Emerald Ash Borer/ EAB in Waterbury and options available -**

- Three Ash trees in Waterbury have been injected to prevent infestation over the last 6 years: One at Hope Cemetery, Two at Hope Davey Park.
- Five Green Ash trees were identified in 2025 on S. Main St. and two on Park Row
- Preparedness plan for Emerald Ash Borer. Are there useful action items from the March, 2020 report? The annual budget for tree work and planting is \$8000 in 2025
- Consider feasibility and cost benefits of three items from the April EAB roundtable discussion: **SLOW** the spread, **SAFETY** and **AFFORDABILITY** (arborist Adam McCullough VT Urban and Community Forestry program.)
- Inoculation for some trees may be an option for selected, healthy Ash trees at a relatively low cost compared to removal. Injection is about \$10 per inch of diameter e.g. \$300 for a 30 inch tree every two years. Ash trees could be injected to prevent EAB and gradual replacement with other shade trees along the same street and removal of Ash.
- The cost for removal is very high e.g. \$2000 to \$3000 or more. Traffic control is also needed.
- Waterbury is considering options. EAB is likely present on back roads based on arborist observations. What are our recommendations? Next steps - Meet with Bill Woodruff, Waterbury Public Works and Tom Leitz, Municipal Manager in May?

**2. Tree City USA:** National Arbor Day Association plaque and banner are to be displayed

**3. Arbor Day / Memorial Tree Planting for Steve Lotspeich , Saturday May 24th 1 PM**

(Garden next to library parking lot) Barb has invited the Lotspeich family.

**Other action items**

- invite specific Town staff.
- Select and pick up the Little Leaf Linden tree
- Prepare the planting pit. Bring compost for May 24.
- Write a press release
- Send to F P Forum and Waterbury Roundabout
- Pick up / Bring the plaque mounted on the stone base.
- Marge will look into a 12' x 12' tent from the library for refreshments. Tables? chairs?
- Cookies and brownies - WTB members .
- Cider from Cold Hollow Cider Mill.

**4. Summer tasks** - Mulch trees in Community Gardens, Maple St Cemetery. Inventory trees

**Next Waterbury Tree Board Meeting, TUES June 10 at 5:30 PM** - Waterbury Public Library

