

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

ADJOURNED 7: PM

**Attendees:** Stuart Whitney, Barb Blauvelt Marge Gulyas, Nita Hultstrom, Jane Brown Chair

**Added to Agenda** - WTB term limits - Barb and Nita will be reappointed to the Board. Next year - review term limits for members in December.

**April 18, 2025 Tree Board Meeting Minutes:** Approved

**Public Comments:** Tori Taravella, a member of the Waterbury Selectboard will be attending our meetings to learn more about what we are doing.

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

- Injection biannually - Three Ash trees in Waterbury have been inoculated in the previous 6 years. Last done in 2024 to prevent infestation : 1 Hope Cemetery, 2 Hope Davey Park.
- Four large Green Ash trees are on S. Main St. and two on Park Row in the town r.o.w. .One large Ash was removed by Green Mtn Power due to EAB at no cost to the town
- EAB - Reviewed the options, feasibility and cost benefits from our April 2025, roundtable discussion: **SLOW** the spread, **SAFETY** and **AFFORDABILITY** (arborist Adam McCullough VT Urban & Community Forestry program.) W Tree Board members **Recommend** Inoculation of remaining six Green Ash trees at relatively low cost compared to removal : \$10 per inch of diameter e.g. \$300 for a 30 inch tree every two years. Removal of a similar size Ash would be over \$3000 plus traffic control costs. We have estimates for this work. Injection is our recommendation to preserve the shade trees, to prevent EAB and plan for gradual replacement with other shade trees and possible, gradual removal of Ash Cost = \$1700 (2025 professional arborist estimate)
- **Recommend** Cable & brace Ash in front of Hunger Mtn. Child Care \$1875 (2025 professional arborist estimate) ***NOTE - THIS TREE WAS CUT DOWN IN JUNE 2025 at recommendation of Bill Woodruff.***
- Contact Bill Woodruff, Waterbury Public Works and Tom Leitz, Municipal Manager

**2. Tree City USA:** The plaque from the National Arbor Day Association was received. Jane will contact the town to see where it can be displayed. Stuart has the banner and will contact the Rec. Director about displaying it. Two road signs were also received. WTB members will ponder where to recommend displaying them.

**3. Arbor Day / Memorial Tree Planting for Steve Lotspeich , Saturday May 24th 1 PM** in Garden next to library parking lot) The Lotspeich family has been invited. Stuart and Jane will coordinate a press release and send it to the F P Forum and Waterbury Roundabout. Jane will contact the Town Clerk to invite all Town staff. Mike or Marge will pick up the Little Leaf Linden. Stuart and Barb will dig the tree pit before May 24 and bring mulch for May 24. Jane will pick up the plaque mounted on the stone base. Marge will get the 12' x 12' tent from the library, chairs and water container. Jane will pick up cider from Cold Hollow Cider Mill. WTB members will bring cookies and brownies.

**Next Meeting, (estimated )TUES June 10 - 5:30 PM** - Waterbury Public Library or a mulch event outdoors