

Meeting Minutes - Waterbury Tree Board - Wednesday, October 29, 2025

SAL Room - Waterbury Public Library - 5:30 - adjourned at 7 PM

Agenda - No changes or additions were made

September 9, 2025 Tree Board Meeting Minutes: Approved

Attendees: Marge Gulyas, Nita Hultstrom, Mike Lo Schiavo, Jane Brown of WT Board. Tori Taravella, Selectboard. John Buck, a Waterbury resident, attended the meeting to learn more about the Tree Board and the open position. He explained his background with forestry.

1. **Review 2025 accomplishments and challenges**

- **Community Garden** - Memorial tree planting and mulched 10 fruit trees
- **Maple Street Cemetery** - Mulched 17 Burr oak trees, 2 Crabapples and 3 Chestnut trees and Oak - leaved Mt. Ash. Participated in pruning October workshop of overgrown hydrangea & lilacs
- **Hope Davey Park** - Pruned 7 Birch trees - Removed two wild Crabapple
- **So. Main St - Removal of 2 Ash** 148 S. Main St. and 137 So Main St.
- **Roundtable on Emerald Ash Borer / EAB** organized by W. Tree Board
- **EAB Inoculation** - Town inoculated 6 Ash on S. Main St. & Park Row
- **Received estimate to prune trees on S. & N. Main Street** (planted in 2019 for Main St, project) Work was approved but postponed to 2026 due to tree removal for EAB and inoculation costs for EAB

2. **Future priorities**

- **Trees on S. & N. Main Street** - Pruning by arborist 52 shade & 13 ornamental (Estimate Feb, 2025) Town to remove 2 dead trees near 9 and 11 N. Main St ?)
- **Hope Davey Park - Maple St. parking lot.**
 - Remove 3 wild Crabapple trees by the street. Trim lilacs by the parking lot and remove Norway Maple and wild Crabapple trees
 - New shade tree to be planted by Jake Blauvelt next to the new skate park. (One old birch tree will be cut down next to the skate park)
- **Tree budget for 2026-** Tree Board's recommendations - What are projected tree maintenance and planting costs for 2026? Submit by December 1.
- **Ash inoculation** for two Ash trees at Hope Davey Park last inoculated in 2024. Get estimates for 2026
- **Coordinate with Cemetery Commission** Maple St Cemetery - new tree location and type **Coordinate with town** for mulching and other tree work,
- **Street Tree Inventory** - Continue work for Waterbury & Waterbury Center. Estimate cost and hire an arborist to complete the inventory
- **2026 Arbor Day Planting event and Tree City USA**
- **Waterbury Tree City USA** sign location?
- **Attend Workshops and Trainings** - VT Urban & Community Forestry
- **Prepare a budget** for tree work initiated by the Tree Board and present it to the Selectboard on November 17th at 6:30 pm
- **W T Board appointments** - Consult the Town Clerk to review dates
- **Next Waterbury Tree Board Meeting** 5:30 PM, Wed., Nov12th at Waterbury Public Library - Red Room second floor