

**Waterbury Tree Board**  
**Friday, Feb. 13, 2026 10:30 am to 12:00 p.m.**  
**Waterbury Public Library: 2nd floor, next to Red Room**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Additions to the Agenda** – Approval of structural pruning of shade trees on Main St.

**Previous Meeting minutes** : Fri. Jan. 23, 2025 - Approved

**Public Comments:** None

**NOTED:** Jane will be unavailable for meetings May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**AGENDA**

**1. Structural Pruning of shade trees on Main Street.**

April 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> shade trees will be pruned by Acer. \$3250 for 38 trees

**2. Tree City USA**

**Renewal application**

Due February 13<sup>th</sup> – Submitted by Stuart.

Arbor Day proclamation for Tree City USA form. This year get the proclamation filled out and signed as soon as the event is complete.

Find form on resource page on Tree City USA page. Needs to be downloaded and made editable. Stuart will find and fwd.

(Application goes to state Urban Forestry first then they send it to Tree City USA)

**Signage**

Banner (approx 4'x6') is on a flag pole that is about 6-8ft tall. Banner has grommets on short side. Where to display banner.

Marge said we have permission to put it on the gazebo at Rusty Parker.

Marge also suggested maybe we put it at the gazebo in Waterbury Center for part of the year.

Stuart will ask Pack n Send if they can put two grommets in the other corners of the banner so that we have options for how to hang it.

Road signs (2 metal - large) – Stuart checked with Bill Woodruff to ask where we can put them. Maybe on the welcome sign. Other end of town also? Stuart to follow up

Plaque – Jane has. Probably should be mounted in entry to town hall on wall near entry to Steele Room. Jane has approached Woody and will follow up.

**3. 2026 Arbor Day Ceremony** - Possible locations, date, tree types

Arbor Day is Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Event doesn't have to be on Arbor Day

Jane - Look at fruit trees to determine if we should plant 2 more?

Stuart – plant a tree in the cemetery in honor of Jack Carter?

Nita – At planting of tree in new skate park? – This was the approved idea. Jane will approach Jake Blauvelt about when the tree is going to be planted at skate park. Could we do it before May 15<sup>th</sup> (before Jane leaves)? We'll bring the banner and maybe hang it between trees, or put it on posts.

- 4. Town Meeting Day March 2** - One or 2 Board members need to attend to answer possible questions about the Tree Board's funding request (presented Nov. 17, 2025) to the Waterbury Selectboard. (pruning, tree inventory, planting, inoculation and maintenance.)

Jane will write annual report to town next week on Tree Board activities. After meeting discovered it is too late to submit.

Jane will ask Mike if he can attend town meeting.

In case a tree board member is not able to go, Jane will write an email to Bill Woodruff to explain the need for funds. Jane will also post info on front porch forum.

- 5. Renewal of expiring Tree Board terms** – Jane, Marge, and Stuart to submit emails to town.

- 6. Maintenance and planting 2026 – early discussions, more TBD**

- Structural pruning of shade trees on S. and N. Main Street for early Spring approved by the town. Discussed in item#1
- Add two fruit trees near community gardens?
- Replace burr oak that died at Maple St Cemetery?
- Burr oaks at Maple Street Cemetery could use some easy dormant planting – in March or April instead of holding a meeting? Or wait until we do the mulching and prune then.
- EAB inoculations – 2 at Hope Davey (in cluster near play area), large ash at Hope Cemetery – Jane will get estimate from Acer and/or Eric Potter. Jane will coordinate with Cemetery Commission
- Spray Linden with Neem Oil in mid June
- Water linden tree – need schedule

**Next meetings Friday March 13, 2026** Waterbury Public library, second floor, Red room  
**Friday, April 10, 2026** – Waterbury Public Library – Jane to request space

Respectfully submitted,  
Nita Hultstrom