

Waterbury Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm

Present: Steve Lotspeich (Chair), Jane Brown, Mike LoSchiavo, Stuart Whitney

1. **Agenda Modifications:** None
2. **Public Comments & Announcements:** None
3. **Review and Approval of Minute: February 1, 2022:** Motion made, seconded, minutes accepted as written.
4. **Caring for Canopy Grant 2022:** Steve L has been in contact with Mike at Evergreen Gardens to order desired trees for spring planting. Supplies may be limited or unavailable. Will assess as trees become available. Mike L suggested a site visit to determine viability/suitability of planting sites. Will plan site visits in April at next meeting (see April Agenda).
5. **Fall 2022 Caring for the Canopy Grant:** Elise Schadler reports that funds are not yet identified nor available. May become known once the legislature has recessed for year, late May. Thus, the committee will address once funds have been secured. Next steps for Ash Tree removal will be discussed and grant submitted.
6. **Town of Waterbury Tree Care Ordinance:** Draft discussed, revisions noted, Tree Warden Statutes need updating, Shade Tree Preservation Plan inclusion. Stuart W. to continue to develop. Once ready for Select Board approval, Steve L and member(s) of committee will present for adoption by the town. Ordinance will then be sent to Elsie S. for acceptance and eventual Tree City USA designation.
7. **Other Business:** Committee membership discussed with potential new members identified. Currently one position is unfilled, Barbara Blauvelt's term expired. Steve will reach out to determine if Barb wishes to remain on committee.
8. **Next meeting:** April 27, 2022. Will meet at Train Station to start tour of spring planting sites:
 - Hope Davey
 - Railroad Street
 - Newton Baker Park (Jane Brown to develop plan for site plantings)Assess health of Ash Trees on South Main Street (treat or remove). Steve to draft letter to Homeowners as applicable (ongoing).
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stuart Whitney