

Waterbury Tree Committee Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

Location: Waterbury Public Library

Present: Steve Lotspeich, Barb Blauvelt, Stuart Whitney, Jane Brown, Erica Fuller

1. **Agenda modifications:** Add discussion of Maple Steet Cemetery, Burr Oak pruning under “Maintenance of recent tree plantings”.
2. **Public comments and announcements:** There were none.
3. **July 2022 Tree Committee Minutes:** Erica F. moved to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022 Waterbury Tree Committee (WTC) meeting. Barb B. seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Tree Care Ordinance, Tree City USA designation.** Ordinance approved by committee to bring forth to Municipal Manager, Bill Shepeluk, and Select Board. Steve to discuss with Bill and develop plan moving forward. October dates for committee to address Select Board are the 3rd and 17th. Committee supports inclusion of committee name change in the ordinance to Tree Board. There are benefits and the WTC is moving ahead to submit for this designation. We can summarize these benefits when we go to the Select Board meeting on the Tree Ordinance.
5. **Maintenance of recent tree plantings:** Railroad Street, Hope Davey Park routine maintenance such as spring mulching discussed. Steve reported that the Pilgrim Park tree maintenance agreement is in progress. Spring mulching, weeding and pruning if needed for Hope Cemetery on Winooski Street, Waterbury Center Triangle Park, Newton Baker Park, and Maple Street Cemetery Burr Oaks. Regarding the Burr Oaks specifically, Steve will release support ties on the Burr Oaks and Caldwell Clark with Treescapes will be approached to demonstrate to committee the proper pruning techniques.
6. **Newton Baker Park:** Newton Baker Park layout and implementation of flower beds and proposed additional tree, scrub, and perennials was discussed. Ideally, Celia will establish a more even ground in front and adjacent to stone wall at the sign before the committee's October 18th meeting. If so, that meeting will take place at the park to plant flowers and shrubs currently awaiting placement. If not then the work day at Newton Baker Park will be scheduled once park ground ready for planting.
7. **October Meeting:** Tuesday, October 18th, 5:00 pm, meet at location to be determined.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Stuart Whitney