

**Waterbury Tree Board Meeting Minutes: Steele Community Meeting Room: 3/8/2024  
1230-1400**

**Present:** Jane Brown (chair), Marge Gulyas, Barbara Blaveault, Mike LoShiavo, Nita Hulstrom, Stuart Whitney, Bill Woodruff (guest from Waterbury Public Works)

**Agenda:** Agenda was approved as written.

**Review and approve February 9, 2024 meeting minutes:** Approved as written

**Public comments:** No public representation in attendance

- **Caring for the Canopy Grant: The proposed use of the 5K awarded includes:**  
\*Focus will be addressing maintenance of recently planted trees\*  
**Pruning:** Hold another pruning workshop with Caldwell Clark including Cemetery Commission will occur at the Winooski Street area of Hope Cemetery.  
**Removal:** as needed based on street inventory findings.  
**Mulch:** The grant can include purchase of mulch for key trees at Maple St. and Hope Cemetery, Pilgrim Park, and others – if \$\$\$ allows.  
**Inoculation of Ash Trees:** 3 large Ash on South Main Street, 2 behind Prohibition Pig, 1 at Hope Cemetery (possible 2nd Inoculation). 2 at Hope Davey Park Cost versus benefit addressed, 1 tree on South Main should be removed. Bill W will investigate financial or town worker support.  
**Purchase pruning tools** and an **iPad** to facilitate Street Tree Inventory
- **Mowing behind library:** Bill to request mowing around fruit trees planted last year. There will be a new Children's Garden within the Community Garden area as described by Rec. Director, Katarina Lisaius.
- **Mulching and restoration of surrounding grass invasion:** Mike L will coordinate with local companies and town public works. WTB will also participate.
- **Coordinate with afterschool Rec Program if any students from last year would be around to be included with care if fruit trees planted Spring 2023.**
- **Next meeting: April 12, 2024. Steele Room, 1230. Agenda items brought forth.** Joanne Garton will be invited to launch Fruit Tree Inventory. Waterbury Cemetery Committee will be asked to attend to address common trees bearing maintenance and pruning. **Note:** *Vermont Urban & Community Forestry conference: May 23, 2024 VTC Randolph.* **Respectfully submitted, Stuart Whitney**