

March 15, 2005

Dear

Thank you for your letter from late fall, and for taking the time more recently to do a site visit at your property on Cemetery Avenue. I appreciate your efforts to improve this property, and understand your concerns about the two silver maples along the road.

As you know, state law requires the consent and approval of the Tree Warden before trees within the Town highway right of way may be removed.

Based on the professional evaluation you have provided, I find that the northerly tree appears to be a possible "hazard to public safety" as described in 24 VSA §2509. Visual inspection of this tree confirms the uneven growth pattern and broken main limbs. Permission is granted to remove this tree at your own convenience and timeframe.

However, based upon the professional evaluation and a visual inspection of the southerly tree, there does not appear to be the same public safety hazard, infestation, or other problem that would authorize imminent removal.

As provided by statute, and as we have discussed, I must hold a public hearing before allowing "a public shade tree within the residential part of the community" to be felled. Upon written request, I am willing to do so; we can schedule this at a time convenient for you, and reasonably convenient for other persons to participate if they wish.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

With all best wishes...

Respectfully,

Tree Warden