

TOWN OF STRAFFORD
TOWN HIGHWAY TREE POLICY

Goals

1. To provide roads and Town right-of-ways that are safe for traveling public.
2. To allow for efficient road maintenance and protect public investment in highways.
3. To preserve the environmental and aesthetic values of the Town's public trees.
4. To allow for landowner notification and participation in decisions.

Administration

1. Road Foreman and Tree Warden determine necessity for tree removals, except in emergencies, such as blowdowns.
2. Select Board approves decisions.
3. In the event of disagreement or appeal, the Conservation Commission will provide an independent review which the Select Board will consider in making its decision.

Priorities

1. Trees demonstrated to have reached a condition or are in locations that jeopardizes public health, safety or property.
2. Trees demonstrated to increase maintenance activities.
3. Trees within the Town right-of-way that are less than 4 inches in diameter.


Disposal of Wood

1. Removal or chipping of branches.
2. Usable wood left in appropriate lengths for handling for landowners use.
3. Wood not removed from right-of-way within 30 days may be removed at Road Foreman's discretion.
4. Stump removal is at discretion of Road Foreman.

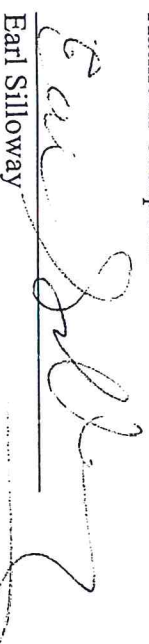
Plantings

1. Tree plantings in Town's right-of-way are at owner's risk unless approved by Select Board.

Adopted November 8, 2006


Stephen Willbanks, Chair


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