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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks & Trees Division

January 3, 2019

**NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF THE DEPUTY TREE WARDEN
REGARDING SIX (6) TREES POSTED**

at

98 ROUND HILL ROAD

OPPOSITE 519 NORTH MAPLE AVENUE

456 NORTH MAPLE AVENUE

476 NORTH MAPLE AVENUE

A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 12:00 PM for trees posted for removal. One (1) 28" DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) Ash tree located at 98 Round Hill Road, two (2) approximately 33" DBH Norway Maples trees located opposite 519 North Maple Avenue, one (1) 28" DBH Norway Maple tree and one (1) 38" DBH located at 456 North Maple Avenue, and one (1) 33" DBH Norway Maple tree located at 476 North Maple Avenue. As required by Chapter 451, section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a public hearing was called because multiple appeals objecting to the removal of these trees were received within ten (10) days of their posting.

The one (1) 28" DBH Ash tree located at 98 Round Hill Road, is in close proximity to the primary wires but not in contact. There is evidence of callus wood around a hole (approximately 10"-12" in size) located on the rear side of the trunk approximately 12' up the trunk. It is my decision to

not remove this tree and to revisit this tree in two (2) years with Eversource.

CT General Statute 16-234 gives power companies the right to remove any part of a tree in contact with the primary wires.

The two (2) Norway Maples trees approximately 33" DBH opposite 519 North Maple Avenue, it is my decision to allow Eversource to only remove the parts of the trees that are in contact with the primary wires. However, if removing those parts that are in contact make the tree unsafe or reveals a defect that may be hidden in the tree, removal may be necessary. The Tree Warden or his representative shall be present at the time the work begins, to determine if any hidden defects require the removal of the whole tree.

The one (1) Norway Maple tree 28" DBH at 456 North Maple Avenue is in contact with the primary wires. CT General Statute 16-234 gives power companies the right to remove any part of a tree in contact with the primary wires. In this case the Trunk of the Tree is in contact. It is my decision not to make a decision on the removal of this tree.

The one (1) Norway Maple tree 38" DBH located at 456 North Maple Avenue, has a hole approximately 25' high on the trunk with evidence of decay. This tree is not in contact with the primary wires, It's proximity to North Maple Avenue could be problematic. It is my decision to remove this tree.

The one (1) Norway Maple tree 33" DBH located at 476 North Maple Avenue has extensive die back, as well as a damaged and decayed root system. The center leader has bark peeling and is dead. There is die back throughout the tree which indicates a root issue. The tree is in severe decline and cannot be saved. It is my decision to remove this tree.

These six (6) trees are a concern to Eversource and were posted for that reason. At the tree hearing, Eversource offered to replant trees if the removal was granted. Eversource along with the Town of Greenwich will replant "The Right Tree Right Place" on North Maple Avenue on a one to one basis. Shade trees on the wire side of the road would have to be

planted on private property and permission must be obtained from the property owner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gospodinoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the bottom.

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