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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Town Clerk

NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF THE DEPUTY TREE WARDEN
Regarding three (3) Silver Maples Trees Posted for Removal
22 Knoll Street and 9 Spring Street
Greenwich, Connecticut

A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 12:00 PM for three (3) trees posted for removal at 22 Knoll Street, and 9 Spring Street. As required by Chapter 451, section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a public hearing was called because of numerous appeals objecting to the removal of these trees were received within ten (10) days of their posting.

There are two (2) Silver Maples at address 22 Knoll Street, and Riverside Court. The first tree is a 35" DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) Silver Maple located on the corner of Spring Street and Knoll Street. This tree has codominant stems of approx. 20"-22". There is evidence of a small wound and decay that has compartmentalized. At the main crotch of the tree has included bark indicating a weak union. The location of this tree is a concern to me due to the many children that are traveling to school. The second tree is located at the south eastern corner of 22 Knoll Street. This tree a multi leader 46" DBH Silver Maple that has 3 approx. 20" stems. There is evidence of old storm damage on the trunk, and decay in different areas of the stems, in particular, a 12" cavity with decay on the main trunk. I also noticed a trampoline in the yard that would be a possible target if the tree or leader should fail.

The third tree is a 54" DBH Silver Maple located at 9 Spring Street. There is visible decay in the large leader that overhang the power lines and Spring Street. There is a cable in the crown of the tree which to me indicates a past or current issue with the structure of the tree.

As Deputy Tree Warden and acting Tree Warden for the Town of Greenwich, my decision is to the ALLOW THE REMOVAL of the three (3) posted Silver Maple Trees.

This is the final decision of the Tree Warden of the Town of Greenwich. Let it be known that Chapter 451, Section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes states “...*the Tree Warden shall render his decision granting or denying the application, and the party aggrieved by such decision may, within ten days, appeal therefrom to the superior court or the judicial district within which such town or borough is located.*”

This decision will be posted in the lobby of the offices of the Parks and Recreation Department located on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall, the sign post in the lobby of Town Hall and the Department of Parks and Recreation page on the Town’s website. It will also be sent to persons present at the Public Hearing and to those who appealed the posting of these trees for removal.

In addition to my decision to remove these trees, the Town of Greenwich will plant two (2) Shade Trees in the vicinity of on 22 Knoll Street, and one (1) ornamental tree in the vicinity of 9 Spring Street.

While visiting the neighborhood of Knoll Street and Spring Street, it is my recommendation that additional new shade and ornamental trees be planted on Knoll Street and Spring Street in 2019. This is a recommendation separate from my decision to remove the three (3), Silver Maples.

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

Steve Gospodinoff

Tree Operations Manager, Deputy Tree Warden
Town of Greenwich
Department of Parks and Recreation