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Green Committee

Special meeting, September 19, 2023, 4:00 pm – Annual Tree Walk

Minutes of Meeting

Attendance: David Minicozzi, Committee Chair, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Cynde Jasek, Ann Freeman, Sue Winkle, Joseph Cutrona, Cameron Pierce, Katie xxx, Cynthia Wright, Jamie Cosgrove, Alex Palozzi, Gary Zelinski.

David Minicozzi called the meeting to order at ^{4:30}~~4:00~~ pm and introduced Cameron xxx, of Davey Tree Expert Company, who led the walk.

1. The following action items were moved as a group and voted on during the meeting:

- a. Remove D 27, Pagoda Dogwood
- b. Remove D 21 Schwedler Maple
- c. Remove B2, Norway Maple

Ann Freeman moved that the trees be removed, Pat Sanders seconded, motion carried. David Minicozzi noted that replacement or new trees would be discussed at the Committee's regular meeting on October 10.

- d. C 26, River Birch. Joe Cutrona noted that the tree roots are growing under and damaging the nearby sidewalk resulting in dangerous walking conditions. Joe proposed removing the tree. After discussion it was proposed that one of the three branches of the tree (the farthest branch from the church building) will be removed and Cameron Pierce recommended aggressive root trimming to encourage the roots to grow downward. A new blacktop will be installed. Joe accepted the recommendations and moved acceptance, Cynde Jasek seconded. Motion carried.
2. A 18, white spruce, (Holiday Tree). This tree is distressed as a result of toppling in a storm causing the roots to snap. Cameron noted aggressive treatment of the tree and observation. He is optimistic that it can be "saved".
 3. B 25, Norway Maple. Tree is stressed and in need of pruning and will be observed for potential removal.
 4. B14, Sugar Maple, discussion: it was noted that this tree is cabled to a utility pole and close to the utility lines. The utility company may want to remove, Gary Zelinski will follow-up).

5. C 13 Kwanzan Cherry, designated as a "Champion Tree"

6. Attached are recommendations for feeding, pruning, and general care of the trees on the Green under its current contract with the town. (I believe it is best to document Cameron's recommendations and I can add any appropriate additional observations.)



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Town Green Evaluation

3 messages

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Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 4:05 PM

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Jamie,

Thank you once again for joining us on a successful and informative tour last week. The pleasure is always mine.

Attached is a list detailing all of the work. I honored the price from 2021 for the deep root fertilization.

Trees not listed that are in need of a make-safe prune from the utility are #B8 Schwelder Maple (prune), #D13 Pin Oak (prune), #D12 Pin Oak (prune), #D15 Sweetgum (prune), #D17 Ash (prune) and #B14 Sugar Maple (remove)...Gary and I will work together on this.

Thanks again.

-Cameron

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Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 1:17 PM

Cameron,

We appreciate your expertise and taking the time to assess each tree with the commission, and thank you for holding the 2021 price for deep root fertilization.

Sincerely,

Jamie

From: Pierce, Cameron <Cameron.Pierce@davey.com>
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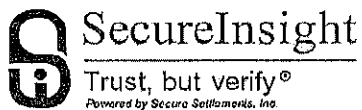
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Thank you!

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Client	Service Location	9/28/2023
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Tree Care	Service Period	Price	Tax	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Pruning	Fall	\$11,000.00		\$11,000.00

Prune to remove dead and damaged limbs 2" in diameter and larger from the following trees (unless otherwise noted in parenthesis):

SECTION A:

#33 Norway Maple, #31 Sugar Maple, Christmas Tree (all dead limbs), #11 Sugar Maple

SECTION B:

#5 White Birch (dead leader), #12 Dawn Redwood (crown raise), #28 Red Oak, #27 Norway Maple, #26 Copper Beech, #25 Norway Maple, #49 Pin Oak (raise crown over road), #50 Copper Beech (raise crown over road), #53 Locust

SECTION C:

#1 Locust, #26 River Birch (remove 15" leader over Euonymus and cable remaining stems), #13 Kwanzan Cherry, #15 Pin Oak (raise crown)

SECTION D:

#25 Sugar Maple, #3 Wild Spring Cherry, #4 Schwelder Maple, #7 White Oak, #6 Blue Spruce (lower smaller dead limbs), #18 Norway Maple

Haul away debris

<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Removal	Fall	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
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Take down the following trees, grind stumps below grade and rake flat, chip brush, leave large wood on site for town to collect cut to sections:

#B52, Norway Maple (declining), #D27 Pagoda Dogwood (dead), #D21 Schwedler Maple

Landscape	Service Period	Price	Tax	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Excavate Root Crown w/AirSpade	Fall	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00

- Excavate approximately a 30' linear trench with airspade tool to expose and sever encroaching roots on sidewalk from #C26 River Birch, backfill with existing soil and rake flat/clean

Fertilization/SoilCare	Service Period	Price	Tax	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics/Fert Inj	Fall	\$4,900.00		\$4,900.00

Soil injection application of liquid fertilizer, and natural organic compounds to promote tree health by supplying necessary nutrients and improving both soil biology and structure injected

Yes, please schedule the services marked above.



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ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The above prices and conditions are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do this work as specified. I am familiar with and agree to the terms and conditions appended to this form. All deletions have been noted. I understand that once accepted, this proposal constitutes a binding contract. This proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted within 30 days.

Cameron Pierce

Cameron Pierce
Arborist - CT S-5861
Authorization
Date