

Donna Conkling

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Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 3:32 PM
To: Donna Conkling; Clerk's Department
Subject: No to the Tree Law

The following is a copy of my e-mail to the Mayor and Trustees. Thanks.

Via e-mail
April 24, 2018

To the Mayor and Trustees:

I am writing to ask that you not enact the proposed tree law.

The law will create an unnecessary financial and administrative burden on homeowners. These burdens will have the effect of delaying the removal of trees that homeowners deem dangerous, aesthetically unappealing, or unwanted for whatever reason. These are decisions properly kept with homeowners. I live on Forest Lane at the corner of Drake Road and I saw the horrible damage caused by trees that clearly could not withstand the recent storm. The property damage was bad; however, it was luck that no one was killed or injured. We witnessed the hardship on neighbors caused by the extended loss of electricity. We continue to live through the negative impact of not properly maintaining trees; I have seen this first-hand having lived in the Village for 20 years. The proposed law would only exacerbate these impacts by imposing burdens to remove trees and shrubs. Furthermore, as a matter of basic ownership rights, the village is literally overstepping its bounds by dictating and restricting what trees and shrubs I may or may not have on my property.

Village efforts should be solely focused on pruning and removing trees in the Village right of way. Clearly much of the storm damage could have been avoided if that work had been done. With limited resources, the right of way is where the Village should be focused.

Have you heard a groundswell of support from residents who believe this is a good law? From what I have read and in speaking to neighbors, the proposed law is widely rejected and unwanted. Please listen to residents and do not enact the proposed law.

Thank you,

James Cammarata
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