

Tree removal Public hearing, 35 Old Dam Rd. meeting minutes

On Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 10:00 AM a public hearing was held on a proposed removal of trees and shrubs within a public right of way between the properties of 35 and 53 Old Dam Rd. for the purpose of allowing access to maintain a town sewer line when needed.

Richard White, Director of Public Works representing the Town of Fairfield, proposed that the tree and shrubs be removed in the right of way to allow unencumbered access to the underground Town sewer line in the case of emergency maintenance and repairs. Rich explained the need to respond to a sewer line back up on an immediate basis and that any thing that would obstruct access and delay in time for clearing the line could have severe damage to all property owners that are above the blockage.

The Selig's and the Westberg's, neighbors from both side properties, had a chance to question and comment on Mr. White's statements of total clearing of the right of way. Mr. White apologized for the lack of past maintenance to this area and said he did not realize the extent of vegetative growth that had occurred since the line was installed a number of years back. He indicated that because of the narrow width of the right of way all vegetation should be removed to allow machines and equipment to enter this area over the line in case of emergency.

The hearing was closed around 10:30 AM

Hearing the proposal, questions, comment and responses it is my decision as Tree Warden for the Town of Fairfield to allow the removal of vegetation within the right of way and to allow the abutting property owners to remove any plants they feel are unique or that belong to them be transplanted at their own expense by October 31, 2012.