

Trees

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Dear Mayor and Trustees,

I listened to your discussion on Wednesday on trees and suggestions for revising the current law. I fully agree that allowing 4 trees per year for each property owner, no matter the size of the property, is absurd, for obvious reasons. This should be changed. I heard Trustee Kasker suggest that permission should be required even for cutting down less than 4 trees. Permission from whom? BAR? Planning? Trustees? This shocked me. Does he know how difficult it is to schedule tree work? And schedules change because of weather or other circumstances. This would put an additional burden on everyone. Yes, the Village should be informed if trucks will be blocking roads, but, please, no more red tape and administrative oversight.

My opinion on trees. Tuxedo Park has too many trees, and many are old and vulnerable. Ask O & R. Trees are a renewable resource. Look at my property, which has mostly been left to nature. Many young trees have sprouted, especially pines. This is surprising because for years the deer made this impossible. Trust the people. In general, property owners do not want to destroy or devalue their property. They have a right to cut trees on their property. If this is to be done in a manner that would affect a neighbor, then a conversation should ensue, involving both parties and perhaps a Village authority.

If I do any tree work, I will rely on a professional arborist to advise me, rather than a Village Tree Committee, made up of amateurs who really know nothing, but have an ill-informed agenda.

Please consider these remarks before you go ahead and impose more restrictions on property-owners.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, ALL, and thanks for your good work.

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