

Town Engineer's Office

September 26, 2016

To: Board of Selectmen Re: Norfield Road Tree

First Selectman Daniel, Selectmen Tracey and Spaulding,

I have had a number of inspections of the above mentioned tree with the Tree Warden and the Chief of Police to determine if the tree is in stable or unstable condition. The tree has sustained numerous impacts by large vehicles heading in the westbound lane. One limb of the four limb tree hangs over the westbound lane forcing vehicles traveling westbound to cross over to the eastbound lane. The fact that vehicles must cross the center line into oncoming traffic is a safety hazard.

Because the tree has sustained impacts, sections of the tree have been removed causing the tree to deteriorate. According to the Tree Warden, the tree has deteriorated to a point that it may not sustain its own weight. The tree itself hinders a clear sight line for vehicles exiting Norfield Farm Lane to see vehicles heading westbound on Norfield Road.

I recommend the tree be removed before a serious accident occurs. Norfield Road is a main thoroughfare for vehicles heading east and west through Weston. Norield Road is also used by school buses in the mornings and afternoons.

Respectfully submitted,

John Conte P.E. Town Engineer