

From: Tree Warden Sat 10/22/2022 6:01 AM

To: Edwin Henion <ehenion@westonpolice.com>; John Conte jconte@westonct.gov

Ed and John - Thanks for your help in the past few weeks evaluating site lines at this intersection. I decided that there are other contributing factors (primarily stone wall on private property) beside the large oak tree at the corner and therefore removal of this live healthy tree alone will not resolve the matter. So, I met with Dawn Sung (630-841-1342) yesterday at the location and explained my decision not to post the tree for removal. She had not considered the stone wall. We noted that some brush up the south side of the road to the west may help. I told her that John and I discussed having a DPW crew do some selective brush pruning or clearing at both north and south intersections. She also asked about installing a mirror or a pole across the street. I said I would pass both these items to you and gave her your town phone numbers and email. Since both of these are outside my scope, one or both of you may want to contact her directly to discuss them. Cheers Tom

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From: Tree Warden

Thu 9/17/2020 4:57 PM

To: Edwin Henion <ehenion@westonpolice.com>

Chief - I appreciated your update on the debris clean up by state DOT on Rt 57 near Briar Oak and just south of Coley House. We also have three dead or dying maples on state ROW at 1 Old Mill near the tight Rt 57 intersection at the bridge. I have had no luck raising Jim Barnes' attention on this. I am looking to develop a new DOT contact for tree work on state ROW in town as I think Jim may be retired or has retired. I get bounce back from his e-mail and he does not respond to VM that I leave on his cell phone. Do you have the name of a DOT supervisor for state road maintenance in our town?

On another matter, I have two more potential traffic safety issues involving trees for the PD to evaluate. One is near the intersection of Old Hyde and Lords Highway in front 118 Old Hyde. It is a 12-in diameter hickory tree that I placed a green tag on before the Aug. 4 storm. This may be a line sight or vehicle obstruction issue. The other is a 30-inch plus diameter white oak at the corner of White Birch and White Birch Ridge. I placed a green tag on it this week at the request of the residents at 1 White Birch Ridge Bob and Susan Chadderdon. They said it has been an increasing line of sight issue for vehicles pulling out from White Birch Ridge onto White Birch. In addition to a traffic safety evaluation, it would help to know how many accidents have occurred at this location through the years in which line of sight may have been a factor. Cheers Tom

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From: Tree Warden

Wed 9/16/2020 6:04 AM

To: Robert and Susan Chadderdon swc2248@yahoo.com

Robert and Susan - Thank you for your call and concern about trees overhanging White Birch Road and utility wires there. Attached is the town GIS parcel map showing your property and 49 White Birch. The ROW is 40- feet, the pave portion is 22 feet and the ROW limit on the south side of the road from the paved portion is less than nine feet. The trees we looked at are beyond that and thus on private property based on my measurement and observation. As discussed these are living trees that appear to

be in good health despite the fact they are overhanging the road and wires. While no one can predict when a tree may fail, these are less likely to be a problem presently. Since both trees are on private property, my advice is that you and your neighbor consult with a licensed arborist on proper care and whether any necessary pruning or other specific care is needed to maintain the trees' health and strength. Since they are on private property removal of the trees is a property owner decision as long as the work is done properly and safely by a licensed arborist with proper traffic control and direction provided according to town public safety requirements (you or the arborist should check with the PD on this.) With respect to the white oak at the corner of White Birch Ridge. This tree is in the town ROW and I will contact the PD to determine whether there is a public safety issue. I have marked it with a green tag to facilitate PD observation. Cheers Tom

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