

**Town of Hamden
Department of Public Works
1125 Shepard Avenue
Hamden, Connecticut 06518
203-287-2600**

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**Final Decision of the Tree Warden
RE: Tree Removal – 124 Woodlawn Avenue**

October 7, 2022

Background

On September 12, 2022, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 23-59, I posted notices on 2 Bradford Pear trees (*Pyrus calleryana*) located at 124 Woodlawn Street indicating my intention to have the trees removed by the United Illuminating Co. The basis for my initial decision was as follows:

- a) The trees are located in the public right-of-way of Woodlawn Street.
- b) The abutting property owners requested that I inspect the trees, with a specific request for their removal due to concerns for their personal and public safety raised by the tree's condition.
- c) I am personally aware of tree's history of a series of limb failures resulting in dropped branches falling in the right-of-way and on the property abutting the tree.
- d) Upon inspection, I found the tree to be in generally poor condition, with significant cavities of decay wood. Multiple branches have fallen and there are many areas of callous wood. The 2 trees are heavily involved in the communication a power lines and pose a risk to numerous target areas.

Based on these facts, I determined that the current condition of the trees pose an immediate threat to public safety.

Within ten (10) days of the posting of the notice, the Town of Hamden received appeals from my decision from the following parties:

- 1) Susan Etkind

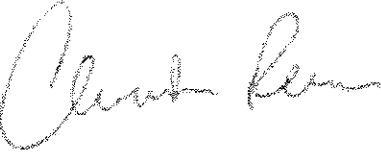
Pursuant to statute, a public hearing was held on October 6, 2022 to consider the objections received by the interested parties.

Final Decision

Taking into account my own observations and consultation with Arborist Geoff Harris as well as the testimony offered at the public hearing, my final decision on this matter is as follows:

1. The trees will be removed by United Illuminating Co., at my request.

Signed:



Chris Rhone
Tree Warden
Town of Hamden

Date:

10/7/2022

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Final Decision of the Tree Warden
RE: Tree Removal – Town Center Park

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Background

On August 31, 2022, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 23-59, I posted a notice on a certain silver maple (*Acer Saccharinum*) located at Town Center Park indicating my intention to have the tree removed. The basis for my initial decision was as follows:

- a) The tree is located on town property at Town Center Park.
- b) A resident in the parks playground area requested that I inspect the tree, with a specific request for its removal due to concerns for their personal safety raised by the tree's condition.
- c) Upon inspection, I found the tree to be in generally good condition. Multiple cavities with decay wood were observed around the base of the 3 stems.

Based on these facts, I determined that the current condition of the tree poses a threat to public safety, as the area is high in foot traffic.

Within ten (10) days of the posting of the notice, the Town of Hamden received appeals from my decision from the following parties:

- 1) Hamden Alliance for Trees (HAT), via email from Diane Hoffman


Pursuant to statute, a public hearing was held on October 6, 2022 to consider the objections received by the interested parties.

Final Decision

Taking into account my own observations and consultation with Arborist Geoff Harris as well as the testimony offered at the public hearing, my final decision on this matter is as follows:

1. The tree will be pruned to remove any dead wood and minimal thinning but the remainder of the tree will be kept and maintained.
2. Over the next twelve months, I will inspect the tree on a regular basis for signs of further deterioration. If the condition of the tree continues to decline, I will revisit my decision to remove the tree to avoid continued risk to public safety.

3. A notice of my decision to prune the tree in the interim will be posted pursuant to C.G.S. Section 23-59.

Signed: 

Chris Rhone
Tree Warden
Town of Hamden

Date:

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