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Silver Maple Trees on Elmwood Ave

'Jeff Rosen' via Select Board <selectboard@natickma.org>

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To: Selectboard@natickma.org

Cc: agoodhind@natickma.org

Dear Natick Select Board,

Our names are Jeff & Lori Rosen of 120 South Main St at the corner of Elmwood Ave. We are writing regarding the petition to remove 4 Silver Maples. We spoke to the tree warden Art Goodhind in late May. It sounded like he agreed that the trees should be removed but that a hearing needed to happen. Because of some objections the issue is now in front of your board.

Having lived at this address for over 30 years, I have repeatedly picked up downed limbs and branches caused by winds and storms. We see this as a danger to our home and neighboring homes. More importantly this can be a serious danger to people walking by as this is a walking route to Johnson Elementary School. There is also a bus stop across the street at 122 South Main and the trees present a danger from falling debris. One of the trees also has girdling roots and will soon strangle the tree and kill it.

As you can see in attached photos there are tree roots growing from the trees into my yard that could be growing into my sewer pipes which would cause a very expensive and messy problem which we would be responsible for. Also in attached photos a new STOP sign was installed a few weeks ago that a driver can't see because of the tree blocking it's view. Two of the trees in front of 4 Elmwood Ave have virtually destroyed the sidewalk in front of the neighboring house which makes it impossible for anybody in wheelchair or using a stroller to get through there. Over the years on more than one occasion a fallen branch has taken down the telephone drop wire and done some damage to the siding of our home. According to research about Silver Maples they are more of a nuisance tree as per the attachment. According to Art, if the trees are removed, they will be replaced with another type of tree that will be safer for all.

Thank You for your consideration

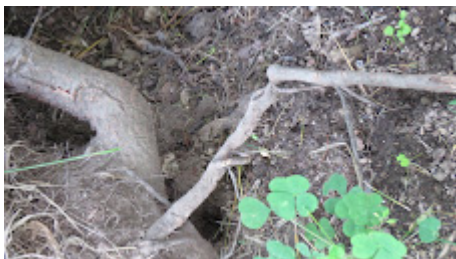
Jeff & Lori Rosen
120 South Main St

<https://dengarden.com/landscaping/Silver-Maple-The-Nuisance-Tree>

attachment explains why Silver Maples can be dangerous

6 attachments

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