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56 Surrey Lane

Boxford, MA 01921

Ross Povenmire

Director of Conservation

Conservation Office

Town of Boxford

7A Spofford Road

Boxford, MA 01921

Dear Mr. Povenmire

We are requesting that the Conservation Committee approve our request to cut down a negligible amount (four) trees in the back of our house at 56 Surrey Lane. The trees themselves are not on the conservation land on our property, but are within about 25-30 feet of where the conversation wetland begins.

We are requesting that these trees be removed due to safety concerns of them damaging our property, especially our house. The four trees we are looking to remove have all been looked at by Mayer Tree and they concur that these trees pose a potential danger.

The trees are either extremely large, not healthy or are leaning towards our house. With these trees, we think serious wind, or heavy snow and ice could cause the tree or part of the tree to come down onto our house. The largest tree hovers over our children’s rooms and if it hit there, would be catastrophic.

We have just moved to Boxford and chose the town since it is so passionate about the preservation of land and the woods. We truly appreciate the outdoors and nature, and do not take it lightly that we are requesting to remove these trees, however, we also are thinking of the safety of our family and the protection of our property.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We are eager to hear what the next steps are. We know that Mayer is willing to write a report as well, if needed,

Kind Regards,

Craig and Heidi Zeltsar