

Bristol Town Administrator

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Subject: RE: a tree on property line with Saunders River Access

Thanks Valerie!
I will let Judy know.
Kristen

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Hi Kristin,

Thank you for sharing the situation with me. In light of your, the Conservation Commission's, and John Swepston's careful consideration of the circumstances and efforts to reach out, I concur with the decision that the tree come down. I do not believe it is a matter that requires Selectboard involvement.

Happy Friday,

--Valerie

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Hi Valerie,

A request has been made by Judy Tasetano (1423 South 116 Rd) that she be allowed to cut a boxelder tree that is located on her property line with the town-owned Saunders River Access parcel. (see map below).

The seeds of this tree are toxic to horses, and she needs to fence off this corner of her pasture each fall.

We discussed this at last night's Conservation Commission meeting and unanimously agreed that she should be allowed to cut down the tree, given the concern over the health of the horses, and to allow her full use of her pasture in the fall months.

The tree is located just outside the buffer area around the South Bend of the Saunders River Access, and the Commission is engaged each year in planting trees to build this buffer.

We feel that the loss of this boxelder tree would not be consequential for the stability of the New Haven River, since the root wads and willows installed in 2013 are doing a good job at holding that bank.

As it happened, the Tree Warden, John Swepston, was at our meeting for another reason. We asked his opinion, since part of the tree canopy (and maybe the trunk) is on town-owned lands.

Based on my description of the tree, and review of the map below, John agreed that the boxelder tree could be cut down (he said he will try and take a closer look from the road in the next few days).

As a courtesy, I have also emailed the easement holder on Saunders River Access – Vermont River Conservancy, Steve Libby and Lydia Menedez on 11/3. I have yet to hear a response from them.

Unless you advise that the Selectboard would need to weigh in on this decision, the Conservation Commission is prepared to let Judy know that she can have the tree cut down.

Let us know your thoughts.

Thank you,

Kristen

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