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Public Hearing Decision

A Tree Marked/Tagged on Butlertown Rd

A public hearing was held on Thursday June 11, 2026 at 10am at the intended tree for removal across the street from #232 Butlertown Rd.

Officials Present: John Carlson, Tree Warden/Director of Public Works; Lenny Bunnell, Mayor; Darren Hayward, CLA Engineer; Mariah Baron, B&W Paving; Shelly Seals, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Others: Tom McGarry, 223 Butlertown Rd Oakdale, CT 06370; Robert Aiello, 67 Butlertown Rd Waterford, CT 06370

Overview:

The tree was tagged on May 28th by the Town Tree Warden due to the road improvement project and needing to widen and pave the road due to the condition of the road. This tree sits within the guidelines of the 22 feet required for the width of the road improvement. In addition the tree is compromised toward the top of the tree that will impose a hazard in the future.

Discussion and General Comments:

One attendee of the hearing noted concerns regarding the age of the tree and feels that it is cheaper to move the telephone pole on the opposite side of the road before taking down this tree due to its age. He doesn't see the point to remove the tree. He says that he knows we are going to take it down to widen the road but he just repeated that moving a telephone pole has to be cheaper.

Conclusion:

A public hearing was held to provide transparency around the removal of the tree and to give residents the opportunity to learn more about the specifics and voice their concerns. The decision of the Tree Warden is to move forward with the removal of the tree. The schedule for removal will be announced by posting on the town website.

According to the sec.23-59, "Any party aggrieved by this decision may, within ten days, appeal therefrom to the superior court for the judicial district".