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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 1:10 PM
To: Abby Conroy <aconroy@salisburyct.us>
Subject: Re: Tree Preserva on Plan

Good afternoon, Abby:

So, I would like to suggest the following:

The trees on these two parcels encompassing more or less 14 acres are of concern not only to the public but to some (if not all) members of the PZC.

The tree preservation plan helps to catalog the trees on site as to their size, condition, location and whether they will be lost by the proposed plan(s). As I suggested at the last meeting that the Applicant reconsider their plan so as to reduce intensification of use along Wells Hill Road (by relocating key programmatic elements to the interior of the site and relocating some of the cottages to that area) it is important to know locations of all the trees **because the limits of disturbance could well change** and the corresponding impacts to trees. Because of the site size and number of trees such a consideration is important, as opposed to a single lot residential parcel.

Tree preservation plans examine all trees 8 inches dbh or greater. **Tree plans are prepared by an arborist or person with similar qualifications/expertise.**

Each tree is located onto a plan sheet, numbered, and if it's proposed for removal an X is put through it.

There is an accompanying table that is sequential by number and lists the species, dbh, and evaluates the condition of each tree including dead trees and stumps. Typical remarks are dead, stump, compromised by bittersweet, or two-spined tree considered unstable for long-term preservation, or sugar maple showing signs of interior rot. etc. Often stump sand even some dead trees are not identifiable to species.

The goal of this plan will be to maximize the protection of healthy trees, whatever the layout may be. The idea that there is a subsequent final tree preservation plan is not helpful because the goal of this plan is to aid us in making an informed decision about the layout. We need to balance various competing concerns on this property, trees are but one consideration.

As far as the plan is concerned (the sheet with the trees located) it is helpful to have the tree number, the species abbreviated in shorthand such as *As* (that would be for a sugar maple *Acer saccharum*) and the dbh. Trees proposed for removal have an X.

There are many examples of tree preservation plans. I am sure the Applicant can find different examples.

Thanks--Michael

On Monday, September 9, 2024 at 12:23:03 PM EDT, Abby Conroy <aconroy@salisburyct.us> wrote:

Good Morning Chairman Klemens,

The applicant has requested additional clarification regarding the tree preservation plan and what detail should be included. Because we have not previously requested this information on an application, I was unable to provide them with guidance but did offer to reach out to you.

Specifically, the applicant was asking:

1. if they should provide a plan for the whole property or just within the limits of disturbance.
2. What size tree (the regulations do not specify) 8"/12"/15" dbh?
3. Species?
4. Classification? Dead, Healthy, Impaired?

If you have an example plan that would be helpful also, if not we understand.

Thank you,

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