

From: Jeff Tarling
To: Jean Fraser
CC: Philip DiPierro
Date: 10/20/2014 9:00 AM
Subject: Re: URGENT Fwd: Removal of tree at 133 York Street

Hi Jean -

I was contacted by GS&G about the tree concerns and the owners of the tree.

The removal of a tree outside the project limits would need landowner permission to remove. Knowing the depth of the foundation dig it is likely a good idea that they are removing as it was mentioned at our Precon meeting.

Jeff

>>> Jean Fraser 10/17/2014 4:26 PM >>>
Jeff

I understand that you have recently inspected this tree (see e-mail below to owner) and met with the contractor and support its removal. If that is correct, could you please confirm that you have recently inspected the tree etc and confirm your support for its removal (giving a reason please) so we can amend the Plat and have a formal approval on the file.

This tree was the subject of much neighborhood concern at the Planning Board meetings, and reassurances regarding its retention were given at the PB meetings too. Do you have any thoughts on what replacement trees could be and where to plant?

Jeremy Benn has agreed to delay the cutting of this tree (which was scheduled for Monday) until the "ducks are in a row" (as listed below) so your e-mail is needed urgently please.

thanks
Jean

>>> Jean Fraser 10/17/2014 4:16 PM >>>
Jeremy

Further to our discussions today I am writing to advise you that the tree now proposed to be removed was identified on the signed and recorded Subdivision Plat (copy attached) to be retained. Therefore its removal, however necessary and justified, can not be treated as a diminimus amendment and an amended Plat must be approved and signed and recorded.

In this case the amended plat would need to be signed by the Director of Planning and Urban Development and would not need to go to the Planning Board.

I have consulted with the Director of Planning and Urban Development and the Director of Planning and we request that the removal of this large tree on the northwest corner (located on land owned by Gilman and Flint) be delayed until:

The owner of the tree has provided written and signed agreement to the removal of the tree, with a (pdf) copy to me and Phil diPierro;

Jeff Tarling has provided the Planning Authority with his written opinion that supports its removal;

You have submitted two mylars (to me) that are amended to remove the tree, with appropriate text added to explain the amendment;

These mylars are signed by the Director of Planning and Development (thus formalizing the PA approval). Please note that replacement trees will be required and I will confirm on that point after I have had a

chance to discuss with Phil DiPierro and Jeff Tarling, both of whom are out of the office today.

Thank you
Jean

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