

August 14, 2015

City of Portland  
Attn: Jeff Tarling, City Arborist  
389 Congress Street  
Portland, ME 04101

RE: Cutting, Trimming, and Revegetation in the Shoreland Zone

Dear Mr. Tarling:

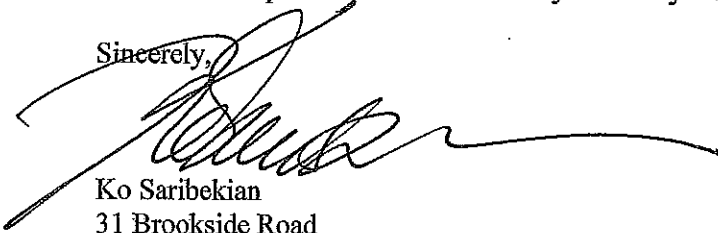
I have read and am now familiar with the publications and information you have provided to me regarding activity in the Shoreland Zone, particularly as they pertain to tree cutting, trimming of vegetation, and revegetation in the area of my property at 31 Brookside Road adjacent to Fall Brook. The publications you have provided, and by which I will abide, include "Gardening to Conserve Maine's Native Landscape: Plants to Use and Plants to Avoid;" "Brackish Tidal Marsh;" and "Mixed Salt Marsh."

You and I have met at my property to view the area adjacent to the brook, and I understand that I can have the gardens and lawn at the top of bank remain in their current state, but I will not have any trimming, weed-whacking, or bush-hogging in the area between the top of bank and the water. I also understand that I can have one mowed path to the brook from my yard, with the width of this path not to exceed 4', and the remaining area will be allowed to revegetate naturally or be augmented by me with native species of plants (pursuant to the recommendations in the publications listed above). I will also remove any non-native species of which I am aware that are growing or may grow in the area between the top of bank and the brook.

I appreciate your consideration on behalf of the city as you have worked with me to maintain the beauty of my property and the area around it, while preserving the natural growth of vegetation in the buffer area between my lawn/gardens and the brook itself. Please feel free to contact me any time as we all work to preserve the natural health and beauty of vegetated areas around Fall Brook.

Finally, though not directly connected to my property, I encourage you and the city to monitor and apply the same standards of care and enforcement regarding maintenance of the area around Fall Brook to the other properties in the area, and most particularly to the property across the brook from the residential lots on Brookside Road. The land opposite mine on the other side of the water is generally uncared for and is prone to erosion due to inefficient or lack of ground cover, and is rife with dead or dying trees that are or will soon collapse into the brook thereby adversely altering the eco-system of the area.

Sincerely,



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