



Christina Stacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>

Re: Dying tree abutting marsh

3 messages

cstacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Zoning <zoning@portlandmaine.gov>
Cc: ed lavertu <edlavertu@yahoo.com>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 3:15 PM

Hi Ed,

I apologize for not getting back to you in a timely manner. It has been difficult to keep up with the volume of public inquiries we have been receiving.

Before removing a tree in the shoreland zone, we ask that you provide documentation that the tree is dead, dying, or dangerous. If you have summer photos showing it fully dead, that would be adequate. For dying/dangerous, we ask that you get documentation from a licensed arborist of the condition of the tree. This information can be emailed directly to me.

If approved, we ask that you replace the tree with at least 3 saplings of native species. These should be species that grow to tree height (greater than 20 feet) at maturity, and not shrubs.

It is highly recommended that you do not pull the stump and roots, as doing so could create a significant erosion issue that you could be held liable for. You can grind the stump to ground level, but everything below ground should remain in place.

As far as dropping the tree into the marsh and removing it, the shoreland zone rules do not specifically prohibit this, but I would urge caution, as it could damage the water body bottom or create a sediment issue. If the tree can be removed without impacting the marsh, I would recommend that.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Chris Stacey
Zoning Specialist

On Monday, November 30, 2020 at 2:31:35 PM UTC-5 ed lavertu wrote:

Good afternoon, I am the property owner of [70 Olympia street](#) in portland and have a dead or dying oak tree that needs to be removed. I was informed by DEP to contact you at the shore land zoning office about taking down the tree.

Please call or e mail me to let me know my options. It sounds like I can cut the tree down but may need to leave the stump and roots. It is leaning towards the marsh. Am I able to drop it into the marsh and then remove the debris from marsh? Please advise.

Sincerely,
Edward Lavertu

Sent from my iPhone

ed lavertu <edlavertu@yahoo.com>
To: cstacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>, Zoning <zoning@portlandmaine.gov>

Sat, Jan 30, 2021 at 11:02 AM

Hi Chris,

Thank you for the information about our dying tree. Attached you will see pictures of our tree in summer as well as present day. The tree was looked at by a certified arborist and I have attached the estimate with description of work to be completed in removing the tree. We understand the expectation of planting 3 native species saplings.

Thank you for your guidance.

Sincerely,
Ed Lavertu

70 Olympia St
Portland, ME 04103
207-615-1708

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Blue Ox LLC
17 VICTORIA STREET
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Estimate

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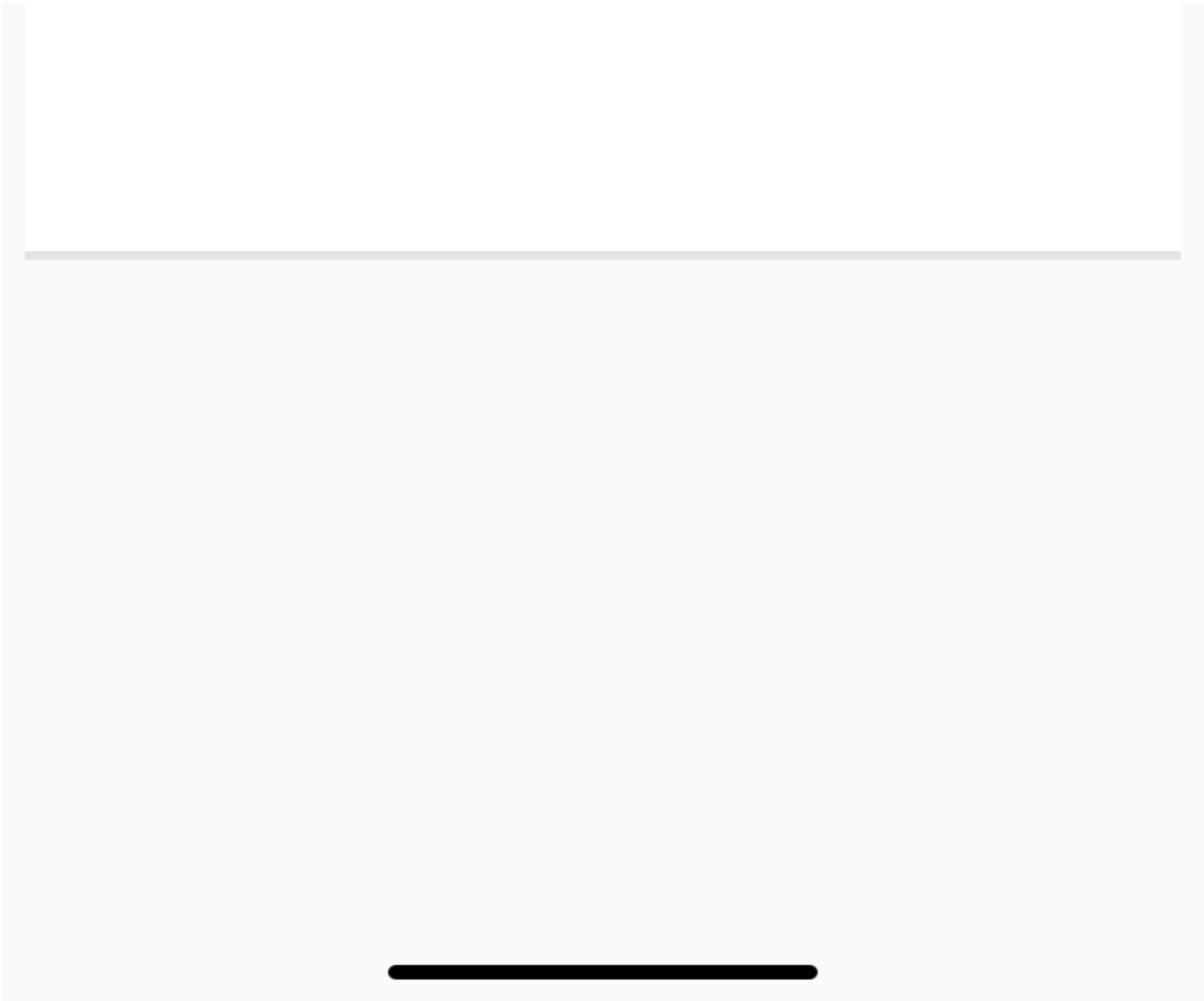
Martha And Ed Lavertue
Olympia Street
Portland, Maine 04103

ESTIMATE # 1962
DATE 01/26/2021

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
Tree Removal From the backyard: Remove one mature oak. The oak is nearly completely dead and poses a hazard to the house. Remove and dispose of brush and wood off site (some small diameter limbs will be left for homeowner use. Stump to remain and will be cut as low to the ground as possible with a chainsaw.	1,700.00
Tree Pruning (Clearance) From an oak overhanging the neighbor's garage: Shorten and remove limbs to reduce the likelihood of the failure of the tree causing damage to the structure beneath. Remove limbs and dispose of brush and wood off site.	500.00
TOTAL	\$2,200.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date











Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Christina Stacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Feb 3, 2021 at 11:53 AM

To: ed lavertu <edlavertu@yahoo.com>

Cc: Zoning <zoning@portlandmaine.gov>

Hi Ed,

Please consider this email as permission from Zoning to remove the tree. I will save this information to our records. If you can send an email after the new saplings have been planted, just as confirmation that the project is completed within terms, I would appreciate it.

If I can be of any further assistance, just let me know.

Best,

Chris

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