



Town of New London
PLANNING BOARD

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Guidelines for Tree Cutting in the Shore Land Overlay District Waterfront Buffer

The New London Planning Board offers the following procedural guidelines for shorefront residents seeking approval to cut trees within the 50' Waterfront Buffer.

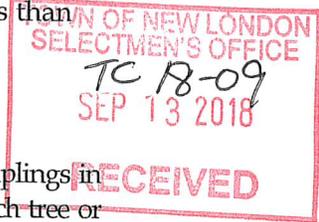
A waterfront plan and inventory, along with a cutting and planting plan, must be prepared for, submitted to, and approved by the New London Planning Board before cutting or felling any tree within the Waterfront Buffer, including dead trees.

The New London Zoning Ordinance (Article XVI F. 2. c (iii)).states:

"If the total tree and sapling score in any 50 by 50 foot segment exceeds 50 points, then the Planning Board may authorize the removal of trees, saplings and shrubs as long as the score for the remaining trees, saplings and shrubs in that segment does not total less than 50 points...."

To facilitate the implementation of this ordinance please observe the following steps:

1. A tree-cutting request shall include a plot plan of the site showing all existing trees and saplings in each 50' by 50' segment within 50' of the reference line, clearly indicating the points for each tree or sapling and the total points for the segment, which trees the property owner intends to remove and their points and the resulting points for each segment if the trees were removed (see over for a detailed explanation and sample plot). This plan shall also indicate the type, points, and location of replacement plantings if needed. New plantings shall be native species, such as white pine, hemlock, high- bush blueberries, etc.
2. A representative of the Town must visit the site to verify plan conditions (contact the Planner at 526-1247, planner@nl-nh.com to arrange a site inspection). Based on this visit, the Town representative makes a recommendation to the Planning Board on the proposed tree-cutting plan. This step is very important because the Planning Board is inclined to follow the recommendations of the Town representative.
3. No cutting shall occur until *after* the Planning Board has approved the plan and the property owner has been notified of the approval and conditions thereof, if any.



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HARDING HILL FARM

Map/Lot: 51-14 Street Address: 686 LAKESHORE DR

Visited By: _____ Date of Site Visit: _____

Planning Board Review Date: _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____

To: New London Planning Board

From: Robert & Deborah Zeller

Re: Removal of dead tree in 50' Waterfront Buffer

Date: September 12, 2018

Our property at 686 Lakeshore Drive has a grove of pine trees, several birches, and loads of blueberry bushes (both high & low bush varieties) along the 50' Waterfront Buffer. In November 2016, for the purposes of obtaining a Shore Land building permit, CLD Consulting Engineers put together the plan we have provided. This plan has been submitted to the Town of New London on previous occasions. On the plan, our Waterfront Buffer is divided into 5 cells which are numbered from top to bottom, the last of which is a partial cell.

We would like to remove a dying red pine that is in CELL 3. The tree is in an area that poses a hazard to our swimming beach. The tree in question has been marked on the property with a lime green ribbon.

The simple assessment of our count in Cell 3 based on CLD's plan is that the removal of the red pine would take our score from 60 down to 50 so we would remain in compliance. In reviewing the CLD plan further it appears they neglected to include all the high bush blueberries and other shrubs along the shoreline in Cell 3. If we were to include these our score would be well over the required 50 point total.

In addition, while Tyler Webb working in the area along the lake, we have asked him to (1) prune the large White Ash in Cell 3 and (2) dead limb a large pine tree in Cell 4. We have made every effort to preserve these trees during construction. These trees are at the lake front corners of our house and they provide shade and privacy. Thinning/removing dead limbs will make the trees healthier and safer.

We have tentatively arranged for all of this tree work to be done the first week of November. We respectfully look forward to your approval.

Thank you,

