

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

To: David Lefcourt, City of Cambridge Arborist

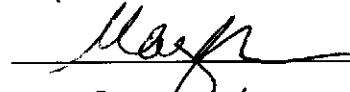
Subject: Opposition to the planned removal of a Norway maple at 47 Chilton Street.

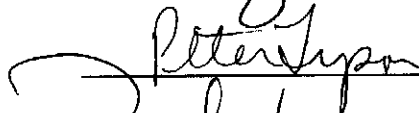
We the undersigned owners of the Condominiums at 47 Chilton are unanimously opposed to the removal of the Norway maple at 47 Chilton Street in Cambridge. Although this tree has obviously declined, we request that it be trimmed of all dead branches and that it be left standing. It still provides shade and beauty to the street and helps hide the wires. A new small tree would take years to grow to provide an equivalent canopy.

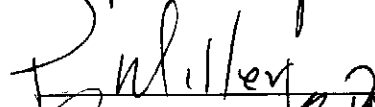
While there are some small cavities in the trunk, we understand that generally they do not affect the strength.

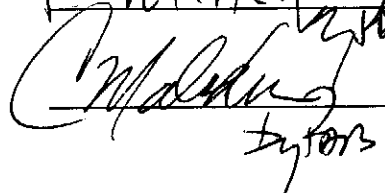
We would be glad to take responsibility for the trimming of the dead branches.


Richard Bass, Unit One


Nancy Kays, Unit One


Peter Tyson, Unit Two


Phil Miller, Unit Three


Courtney Malcolm, Unit ~~Two~~ ^{Three}

all owners of 47 Chilton Street.

To: Cambridge City Arborist David Lefcourt
From: Tara Murray
6-30-10

Dear Mr. Lefcourt,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed removal of the Norway maple at 47 Chilton Street.

As a neighbor to this tree, I have seen it very frequently. In addition, I have closely looked at the tree and I have spoken to the neighbors.

As we all know, the tree has decline in the canopy and although it will not last forever, there is a lot of life in the tree still. This tree simply needs trimming of some dead branches. The tree still provides shade and beauty which a new small tree would not for years to come.

As far as the statements of, "wounding," and "decay pockets," I feel that these areas on the tree do not rise to the level of "hazardous." As stated by the arborist, most large older trees have a decay pocket. These inside pockets do not pose a hazard risk because it does not impact the strength of the outside of the tree.

Please simply trim the tree and allow the neighbors to enjoy it for some years to come.

Tara Murray

Fosher, Catherine

From: Mallory, Leslie
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 5:50 PM
To: lbarnes@tiac.net
Cc: Lefcourt, David; Woods, Richard; Fosher, Catherine; Rodibaugh, Annette
Subject: RE: Service Request Form

Dear Dr. Barnes,

Your concern/request has been forwarded to Mr. David Lefcourt, City Arborist, in our 'Parks & Urban Forestry Division.' You may reach him at 617-349-6433. You may also call his Administrative Assistant, Ms. Catherine Fosher, at 617-349-4885. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Service Request Form
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 7:38 PM
To: Service Requests
Subject: Service Request Form

The following information was sent from the Service Request form on the City of Cambridge website.

Type of comment: Complaint

General topic: Tree Service Request

Comments: I live on Franklin Street, close to the corner of Franklin Street and Bay. Within the past week, I have seen notices about a public hearing related to two pear trees on Bay Street.

Last year, a large branch fell off of one of these two trees, and landed on my car. It shattered both the rear window and rear driver's side window, as well as leaving a large dent in the roof of the car.

More recently, another large branch fell into a yard that adjoins the sidewalk where the tree grows.

Although in general I feel strongly about protecting and preserving trees in Cambridge, I feel equally strongly that these two trees have grown to the point where they pose a risk. Branches could just as easily have hit a person.

I am writing to voice support for these two trees being cut down.

Thank you,

Dr. Linda L. Barnes

Name: Dr. Linda L. Barnes
Address: 534 Franklin Street
City: Cambridge
State: MA
Zip: 02139
Phone:
E-mail: lbarnes@tiac.net

Lefcourt, David

From: Dianah Barrett [dianah.barrett@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 4:44 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Cc: Sarah Diehl
Subject: Please do not Remove the Trees Wheeler Street

Dear Mr. David Lefcourt,

I am writing to request that the trees not be removed on Wheeler Street. Signs were placed on the trunks of these trees and I would like to voice my opposition in writing to the removal of these trees. These trees are not an immediate danger or hazard and they certainly have a some wonderful years of life in them. Let us enjoy these trees while we can instead of needlessly cutting them down. In addition, these trees have become the home of red tail hawks and other wildlife that residents in the area of come to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Dianah Barrett

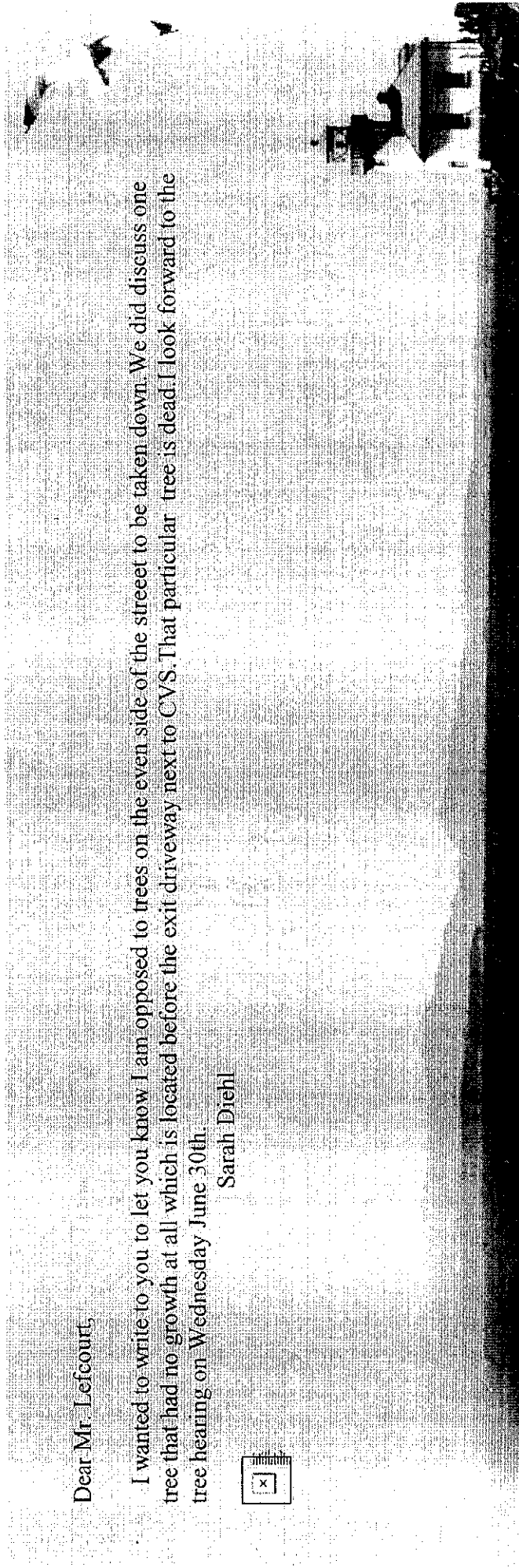
Lefcourt, David

From: Sarah Diehl [bigdeal231@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 10:22 AM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: Wheeler Street Tree

Dear Mr. Lefcourt,

I wanted to write to you to let you know I am opposed to trees on the even side of the street to be taken down. We did discuss one tree that had no growth at all which is located before the exit driveway next to CVS. That particular tree is dead. I look forward to the tree hearing on Wednesday June 30th.

Sarah Diehl



Sarah Diehl
25 Wheeler St. #313
Cambridge, Ma.

I object to a decision being

made before other information

can be submitted to David Keefe

Can we table the decision of

East side trees on Wheeler

Street?

Sarah Diehl

David L. Fort
Arborist
City of Cambridge 02139

June 29, 2010

Dear David;

I hereby object to the removal
of the trees on Wheeler St, which
have been listed as 555 Concord Ave.

1. I oppose removing these 6 Ash Trees.
2. I request a second hearing -
~~or~~ postpone decision - for the
purpose of having the pertinent
documentation, maps, etc, that
show that this area is actually
a filled wetland & a Flood Plain
and to be able to present
witnesses or their affidavits
to demonstrate why these
trees should not be removed

Sincerely

Katny Padgett AS
148 Beam St
Cambridge MA 02139

To: Cambridge City Arborist David Lefcourt
From: Tara Murray

June 30, 2010

Dear Mr. Lefcourt,

I am writing to object to the removal of all six of the trees at 555 Concord Avenue (Wheeler Street).

These trees are an investment in years of growth. New trees would not provide the shade, beauty, privacy, etc., that the existing trees provide.

There must be a way to keep these trees and still carry out the project. I attended the hearing where the trees on the West side of Wheeler Street were discussed. At that time, there was an initial attempt to label the trees as in terrible shape. They are not. This construction project should be done without removal of any of the trees on Wheeler (or Concord Ave.)

Tara Murray