

TOWN OF GROTON

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To: Mark Haddad, Town Manager

From: Nikolis Gualco - Conservation Administrator

Subject: Acceptance of new policy

Date: June 24, 2021

Please be advised that at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 22, 2021, the Conservation Commission voted to accept the following policy:

POLICY NAME: HAZARDOUS TREES ON TOWN-OWNED CONSERVATION LAND POLICY

Residents abutting Town-owned conservation land may petition the Conservation Commission for permission to trim or remove trees on town property that present a hazard to their own private property. A written statement from a certified arborist shall be included in the petition certifying the status of any identified hazardous tree. The Conservation Commission has the right to condition the trimming or removal of any hazardous tree(s). Any plan to trim or remove hazardous trees from town land shall, as necessary, comply with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L Ch. 131, Sec. 40 and the Groton Wetlands Protection Bylaw.