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PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT – OPERATION and MAINTENANCE
Dana R. Wardwell, Director

Tree Board Meeting Agenda
7/19/16 6:00pm
Public Works

1. Discussion of resident request to remove a city tree at 21 Mt Desert Drive
2. Committee recommendation on 21 Mt Desert Drive removal request
3. Update on Tree inventory
4. Other items for discussion
5. Items for next agenda
6. Meeting adjourned

March 1, 2016

Dana Wardwell
City of Bangor Public Works
530 Maine Ave.
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To Dana Wardwell, Public Works Department,

We are writing to ask to cut down one healthy (as of our knowledge) ash tree in the front yard of our house. The tree is just on the city's right of way. We are not asking the city to remove the tree. We would arrange to cut it and dispose of it. We expect to pay for the cost of cutting the tree down; we don't expect the city of Bangor to be responsible for that cost.

We reluctantly need to cut the tree in order to plant 4-5 fruit trees (apples and plums) in the same area as the current tree. All of these trees would be standard or semi-dwarf trees that would be kept pruned and small enough to all produce fruit at the same time. However, the only space available for them is behind the ash tree, between that tree and our house. If the ash tree is not cut, it will shade the fruit trees, and the crops will be much smaller than if the trees got more full sun. There is another ash tree near the one we would like to remove; we want to keep that tree, even tho it would also shade the fruit trees a little as well.

A lesser reason for wanting to remove the tree is that we have solar panels on our house. The tree shades the panels in fall, winter, and spring. It is not a huge loss of electrical generation but enough that, by removing the tree, the panels would produce noticeably more electricity during those seasons.

We very much value trees and appreciate the city of Bangor's policy about maintaining healthy trees whenever possible. Before moving to Bangor, we heated with wood and cut primarily dead or dying trees for our own firewood supply. We feel that, if that ash tree were removed, it would be replaced by at least 4-5 trees that would provide as much greenery in our front yard and a necessary supply of food as well.

Please contact us with any questions.

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