

Dear Ms. Lavoie,

I am sharing this with you as a homeowner in Middletown, not as a member of the Tree Commission. It recently became part of the Planning Board process that a maintenance plan be submitted with landscape plans. I am in total support of this! I would like to see included in that plan the replacement of plantings that have died. There are examples in many areas of town where a beautiful landscape plan was presented and planted. However, as can happen, some plantings did not survive and they were not replaced. Over time, the landscape appearance becomes less attractive. This has been especially true in commercial areas. Also, in order to increase the possibility of success, it would be wonderful if a schedule for pruning and removing deadwood and cross branching of trees also be included. This would need to be done in the first few years after planting and then continued less frequently as the tree ages.

Thank you for your time.

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