

TO: Town of Richmond Selectboard

FROM: Richmond Free Library Trustees

DATE: March, 2024

RE: Request for funding for tree work on the Library lot

This is a request for funding from the Town Center Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for work on trees and bushes around the Library.

This funding is based on an assessment & quotes that Caitlin Littlefield obtained for recommended work needed on trees on the Library lot and on the needs of contractors who will be doing some major exterior work on the Library this summer including repair of wood on building and steeples and painting. Because this work is scheduled to start in May, there is some urgency to finding the funding and scheduling this work ASAP.

Based on Caitlin's discussion with arborists and the needs of the building contractors, the work would include, but may not be limited to:

- Prune two red maples- located parking lot side of library away from building
- Prune large hickory tree limbs 8'+ off of library roof & side of building
- Remove boxelder limb over power lines on front corner of building
- Prune cherry tree limbs 8'+ off of library roof
- Remove 5 ash trees on North Side of the building. Leave wood. Leave stumps.
- Structural prune the large sugar maple- located le side of property as well and above stone wall.
- Remove cedar trees on the north side which make the interior of the library dark and are in the way for both this repair/painting project and routine mechanicals maintenance.
- Remove the yew bushes around the front library foundation which hide the decorative foundation and trap moisture against the building.
- Remove the old crabapple tree from the front as it is in the way of lift truck (they need to also avoid the sewer pipes in the front yard). It is not the most attractive tree and deposits rotting fruit on yard and stairs.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding.

Laurie Dana, Chair

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