



GINKGO
TREE EXPERTS

P.O. Box 1686
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September 3, 2019

Dear Josh Arneson,

The Town of Richmond, Vermont contacted me and we conducted a site visit at The Old Round Church Green on August 28, 2019. The trees in question are located on the green at the intersection of Round Church Road, Bridge Street, Cochran Road and Huntington Road in Richmond, Vermont.

I inspected the trees on the green with Josh Arneson, Richmond Town Manager for approximately one hour. I inspected the crown, trunk, trunk flare, above ground roots, and site conditions around each tree.

My recommendations are as follows:

- Prune almost all of the trees to remove dead braches. This would improve the appearance of the trees and the park in addition to improving the health of the trees. If the pruning is done safely and correctly it could done by the Town Road Crew. I would charge \$500 to \$600 to prune all the trees.
- Remove the sugar maple tree located in the middle of the green. This tree has declined to a point that makes it no longer worth keeping. See below for more details concerning appropriate tree replacements for the green.
- Cable the large norway maple next to the round church (on the opposite side of the road from the green) in addition to pruning the branches. Cabling this tree will reinforce the limbs that are weak or have shallow attachment points. This would reduce the likelihood of a major limb failing or separating from the tree. I would charge \$200 to \$300 to cable this tree.
- Explore burying the power line for the street light. This would open up a larger area to replant trees, and open up the park in general. Burying the line would also prevent future aggressive powerline clearance pruning for any tree planted in the area.

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- Replacement trees appropriate for the location and climate: honey locust, pin oak, red oak, white oak, crab apple or apple tree. Most of the fir species would also work well in this location.
- Replacement trees to avoid purchasing and planting: Ash trees (because of the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer), spruce (due to the rhizosphaera needle cast fungus), and Norway maple (because it is an invasive non-native species).

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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