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**Re: Tenney Sugar Maple Tree
Ascutney, VT**

Ms. Brown,

Thank you for accompanying me to the Ascutney park and ride to perform a risk assessment of the "Tenney Sugar Maple" in March 2019. The tree is showing several signs of decay and failure that is common with a Sugar Maple of this age. I would recommend the tree be removed as it possesses a high risk to people and personal property in its current state. The pictures included with this report show evidence of severe rot and decay, recent shedding of crown branches, and several leaders with the outer bark covered in fungal fruiting bodies.

This tree is at the end of a long life and due to the location should be removed. I recommend that the surrounding parking spots under the tree be blocked off from use to reduce risk to patrons of the Ascutney park and ride, and to prevent damage to personal property.

Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this report, 802-497-3653.

Sincerely,

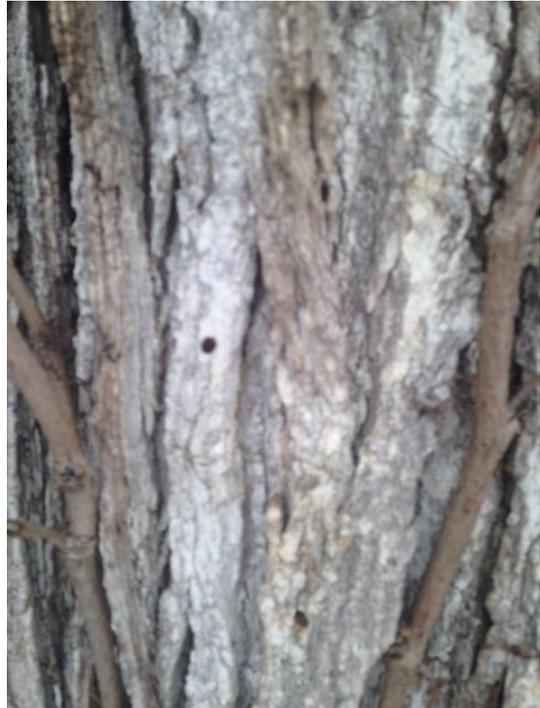
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Hance".



Scott Hance, ISA Certified Arborist #NE-7101A
Arborist, Assoc. Director of Environmental
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Recently fallen leader branches (shown above).



Borer holes observed in bark on tree trunk (shown above).



Tree crown dieback observed (shown above).



Fungal fruiting bodies observed on branches (shown above).



Severe heart rot (shown above).



Fungal fruiting bodies observed on branches (shown above).

From: Stevens Forestry <stevensforestry@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 11:37 AM
To: Sven Fedorow <Townmanager@weathersfield.org>
Subject: Re: Arborist opinion on Tenney Tree, Weathersfield

Good Morning Sven,

I found time to visit the Tenney maple tree on Saturday the 23rd. The short answer is, unfortunately, I have to consider this tree as dangerous or more appropriately, a "hazard". Being a Certified Arborist, I much prefer to save trees rather than encourage their removal. However, my observations out-weigh any possible mediation to save this tree.

I offer a few comments based on my visit:

The tree hangs over the parking area - exposure for an incident

One leg of the cabling system has failed (not attached) ; Another cable is hooked to a dead / dying branch which predisposes itself to eminent failure in the near future. This failing cable may be the only thing holding that section of the tree from falling into the parking area (an opinion).

The "backside" of the tree lost a large limb years ago and now shows signs of advanced decay in the main stem.

There are numerous dead / dying limbs throughout the tree.

I was hoping the tree was in better health so we might try to extend its' life for a few years, but the current condition of the Tenney tree is to grave to apply any treatments.

I commend you for your efforts on behalf of this historic tree. There will be no charge for my visit.

Lee Stevens

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