

BPW Project Update

Town of Fairhaven

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Green Street Road Reconstruction Project Update

The Board of Public Works will undertake the reconstruction of Green St., from Washington St. to South St., which is 1,800 feet in length, to include drainage improvements, sidewalk construction, granite curb, pavement reclamation, grading and paving of the existing street. The cost of this project, not including engineering, is \$652,650, from the Town's Chapter 90 allotment.

As part of the original scope of the project, there were 18 trees slated for removal due to the aforementioned construction.

Based on overwhelming concerns raised against the removal of these trees, the Board of Public Works, in conjunction with the project engineer, GCG Associates, modified the scope of the project so that no more than 6 trees will be removed.

Instead of removing and replacing existing curbing, which would cause tree root damage, the existing curbing will be added onto, resulting in a two-foot narrowing of the road. This narrowing may necessitate a review of speed and parking regulations in this area.

In addition, to correct the numerous sidewalk squares that have been buckled by tree roots, the project now calls for trimming the concrete down to the point that the trip hazard is eliminated, smoothing the sidewalk to comply with the required ADA standards, and then ramping over the roots, rather than removing them.

The Board of Public Works, based on the raised concerns from the neighborhood, modified the project in order to save as many trees as possible. Based on the original project scope, the trees would not have survived the stress to their roots systems.

It should be noted that, per the professional opinion of a hired arborist by the Board of Public Works, several trees that will be saved are compromised and/or diseased and may require replacement in the future. The trees that are marked for removal are:

- 18" Red maple that is south of #121
- 16" Norway maple that is at the Center St intersection
- 25" Red maple that is near #'s 99-103
- 17" Norway maple that is near #88
- 17" Norway maple in front of #87
- 16" Norway maple that is south of #87