

Parks and Recreation

Article II Recreation

Division 2: Recreation Board

Sec. 9-66. Appointment of Town Tree Warden and Deputy Tree Warden.

A town tree warden appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to 24VSA§871(5) and a deputy tree warden appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to this ordinance shall have the responsibility to carry out the provisions of this ordinance and to make recommendations to the town in order to provide:

(a) For the care, protection, preservation, planting and removal of public trees, and to provide

for the treatment of pest infestations therein.

(b) The removal from public property of trees which due to their damaged or diseased condition represent a hazard to public safety.

The town tree warden and deputy tree warden shall have a solid knowledge of modern arboricultural practices and shall be experienced in the planning, planting and maintenance of urban trees.

(Ord. of 4/15/04)

Sec. 9-67. Tree Preservation Program.

Shade and ornamental trees within the limits of public way and places shall be under the control of the town tree warden and/or deputy tree warden. The tree warden and/or deputy tree warden may plan and implement a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public ways and places by planting new trees and shrubs; by maintaining the health, appearance and safety of existing trees through feeding, pruning, and protecting them from noxious insect and disease pests and by removing diseased, dying or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

(Ord. of 4/15/04)

Sec. 9-68. Removal or Pruning of Trees.

Whenever the town tree warden or deputy tree warden determines that:

(a) A tree or limb in or upon any public property in the town of St. Johnsbury is in danger of

falling in or across any public right-of-way; or

(b) A tree is a danger to public safety and welfare because of defect, decay or lack of support;
or

(c) A tree constitutes a threat to other trees because it harbors or breeds noxious insects or disease pests;

The tree warden and/or deputy tree warden may remove or render such treatment(s) to the tree which will result in the danger of being alleviated.

(Ord. of 4/15/04)

Sec. 9-69. Jurisdiction of the Tree Warden and/or Deputy Tree Warden.

No person shall cut, climb, break, trim, or remove or in any way injure trees on public right-of-way or other property of the Town of St. Johnsbury without first having consulted with the town tree warden and/or deputy tree warden.

No person shall attach or keep attached to a tree on town property any wire, rope, wire insulator, notice, advertisement, object or other device without having consulted with the tree warden and/or deputy tree warden.

No person shall excavate soil, cut or fill or otherwise alter the grade or drainage within twenty feet of a public tree without first consulting with and obtaining permission from the town tree warden and/or deputy tree warden.

No person shall plant any tree on any public rights-of-way or property without first having obtained permission from the town tree warden and/or deputy tree warden.

Any person who critically injures or cuts down a public shade tree without permission from the town tree warden and/or deputy tree warden shall be fined not more than \$500 for each tree so injured or cut. Any other violations of article 4 will result in a fine of not more than \$50.

(Ord. of 4/15/04)

Sec. 9-70. Protection of Public Trees During Construction.

No construction will take place within twenty feet of a public tree without having provided for the protection of said tree during the construction after having consulted with the town tree warden and/or deputy tree warden.

(Ord. of 4/15/04)