Policy for Hazardous Tree Complaints

Understanding that there arise complaints about trees that appear to present hazards to travel, and further understanding that opinions may vary from person to person as to the degree of hazard that a particular tree may present, the Sangerville Board of Selectmen adopt the following policy, effective immediately upon adoption:

- 1. A complaint about a hazardous tree may be received by any employee or selectman and all such complaints will be reported to the Town Manager. The Town Manager will report all complaints he receives to the full-time public works employee within a reasonable amount of time.
- 2. The full-time public works employee will investigate any and all complaints within a reasonable amount of time and report back to the Town Manager who shall keep track of such complaints.
- 3. The full-time public works employee shall have sole responsibility of making the determination that a particular tree represents an immediate hazard or not. If he determines that a tree presents an immediate hazard he will proceed to correct the hazard at his earliest opportunity and report his actions to the Town Manager. If the removal of the hazardous tree or trees cannot be done by Sangerville Public Works, and an emergency is deemed to exist, the Town Manager alone may contract the removal.
- 4. The full-time public works employee will comply with the recommendations of the Maine Municipal Association Manual for Roads insofar as the disposal of wood, ornamental trees, and disputes with landowners are involved. The full-time public works employee will advise the Town Manager of problems he encounters with landowners so that the Manager can assist in the resolution of problems.

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