



April 24th, 2025

Planning Board Town of Salem
Salem Town Hall
33 Geremony Drive
Salem, NH 03079

Dear Planning Board:

Liberty Utilities will be performing scheduled vegetation management for the safety and reliability of the electric distribution system on Zion Hill Road, a designated scenic road in the Town of Salem. The details for the proposed tree work are enclosed. The planned work can be categorized as follows:

Any and all trees over the 15-inch circumference limit will be pruned to remove dead/dying, weak and structurally poor limbs to conform to the clearances specified by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

Puc 307.10 Tree-Pruning Standards.

- a) With the land-owner's consent, utilities shall prune trees adjacent to all distribution circuits to the following minimum clearances on no more than a 5-year cycle:
 - 1) 10 feet below the conductors;
 - 2) 8 feet to the side of the nearest conductor; and
 - 3) 15 feet above the conductors, at time of pruning.
- b) Utilities shall implement measures such as mid-cycle reviews to identify and mitigate elevated risk from tree exposure on circuits or sections of circuits that are significantly and/or continually experiencing tree-related interruptions, where it is practical to do so.
- c) Utilities shall not be required to prune to the clearance standards specified in (a) of this section where:
 - 1) The land-owner has refused or restricted permission to prune;
 - 2) A municipality or other local governing body, by ordinance or other official means, has refused or restricted permission to prune; or
 - 3) Pruning to the standards specified in subpart (a) would be detrimental to the health of the tree, in which the utility shall adhere to the guidelines



provided in ANSI A300 Part 1– 2008 Edition, available as noted in Appendix B.

Trees under the 15-inch circumference limit and brush capable of growing into the energized conductors will be cut with the landowner's consent.

Trees to be removed, based on clearance needs and risk assessment performed by Liberty Utilities and qualified foresters from Eocene Environmental Group or Asplundh Tree Experts, have been marked with red, orange or pink flagging stapled to the trees. Removals are noted in the enclosed details as an activity = "Rmv," a size = diameter class (ie 05-08") and by land type distinction (Unmaintained (UM), Rural (R) and Maintained (M)).

Please notify as to the date, time, and place of the required public hearing at the earliest possible convenience for me to present the project for approval.

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-306-8270 or Heather.Green@libertyutilities.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather Green, ISA Certified Arborist IL1344AM
Manager, Vegetation Management

Activity_Approved	Street	Physical Address	From Pole No	From Pole Suffix	To Pole No	To Pole Suffix
Rmv: Tree Removal 19-24" R	Zion hill rd	16 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	7	0	8	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 19-24" R	Zion hill rd	199 ZION-HILL RD, Salem, NH,	2	0	3	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 19-24" R	Zion hill rd	199 ZION-HILL RD, Salem, NH,	3	0	4	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 19-24" R	Zion hill rd	71 ZION-HILL RD, Salem, ,	26	0	26	1
Rmv: Tree Removal 19-24" R	Zion hill rd	90 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	31	0	32	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 19-24" R	Zion hill rd	92 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	32	0	33	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 13-18" R	Zion hill rd	100 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	35	0	36	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 13-18" R	Zion hill rd	199 ZION-HILL RD, Salem, NH,	3	0	4	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 13-18" R	Zion hill rd	8 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	2	0	3	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 13-18" R	Zion hill rd	92 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	32	0	33	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 13-18" R	Zion hill rd	94 BLUFF ST SALEM NH	1	0	1	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 13-18" R	Zion hill rd	3 BRIARWOOD DR SALEM NH	48	0	49	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 09-12" R	Zion hill rd	100 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	35	0	36	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 09-12" R	Zion hill rd	90 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	31	0	32	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 09-12" R	Zion hill rd	94 BLUFF ST SALEM NH	1	0	1	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 09-12" R	Zion hill rd	3 BRIARWOOD DR SALEM NH	48	0	49	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 05-08" R	Zion hill rd	87 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	2	0	3	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 05-08" R	Zion hill rd	81 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	28	0	29	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 05-08" R	Zion hill rd	3 BRIARWOOD DR SALEM NH	48	0	49	0
Rmv: Tree Removal 05-08" R	Zion hill rd	3 BRIARWOOD DR SALEM NH	48	0	49	0
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Rmv: Tree Removal (Rmv25)	Zion hill rd	100 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	35	0	36	0
Rmv: Tree Removal (Rmv25)	Zion hill rd	199 ZION-HILL RD, Salem, NH,	4	0	5	0
Rmv: Tree Removal (Rmv25)	Zion hill rd	82 Zion hill rd Salem nh	29	0	30	0
Rmv: Tree Removal (Rmv25)	Zion hill rd	92 ZION HILL RD SALEM NH	32	0	33	0