

## Andrea - Deputy Clerk

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**From:** Scott Thomas <administrator@townoflaconner.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021 7:07 AM  
**To:** Andrea Moore  
**Subject:** FW: Tillinghast Trees

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**From:** Ryan Anderson <randersonvt@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Tillinghast Trees

Dear Council and Mayor,

I am writing in regards to the plan to cut down seven mature maple trees on Tillinghast. My wife, Lindsey, spoke to Brian who confirmed that some of the trees are damaging the sidewalk and are slated for removal, albeit not in the near future.

I'd like us to consider alternatives: the street benefits from a mature tree canopy, only a small section of the sidewalk is being damaged, and tree removal is outrageously expensive. As someone who appreciates both mature trees and fiscal responsibility, surely we can find a better solution than destroying seven healthy trees?

I've included my email to Brian below, which contains an article with alternatives. Excavation, malleable rubber plates, slab jacking, and even wooden bridges have all proven to be affordable alternatives to tree removal.

Thanks for considering. I really hope I can count on your support to help me save these trees (and the town some money).

Thanks again!

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From: **Ryan Anderson** <[randersonvt@gmail.com](mailto:randersonvt@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 3:11 PM

Subject: Tillinghast Trees

To: <[publicworks@townoflaconner.org](mailto:publicworks@townoflaconner.org)>

CC: Rick Dole <[rick.dole@outlook.com](mailto:rick.dole@outlook.com)>

Brian,

Thanks for answering my wife's questions earlier regarding the planned tree removal on Tillinghast.

I understand the sidewalks and liability around them is the main concern, but it would be an absolute shame to lose mature trees, especially in an area that already has a lack of canopy and shade. She had mentioned you were open to suggestions/alternatives and I spotted this article that lists some good ideas:

<https://shadetreexpert.com/sidewalks-and-tree-roots/>

I know tree removal can be expensive, so perhaps there are some options here that have merit and could save the town some money? Some of the options discussed in the article that caught my eye were Rubber Sidewalks and Pavers, bridges over roots, slab jacking, and excavating under the roots.

Thanks for being open to other ideas. I've CCed my neighbor, Rick who may have some good input as well.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Ryan B. Anderson