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## **TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **Brookline Public Works**

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### **WHY WE CUT TREES/MOW BRUSH**

We look to treat our infrastructure in the same way people treat their properties...by doing basic maintenance regularly to avoid having to do large scale reclamations later. This keeps work predictable and our infrastructure stable. To get our infrastructure to a point of being simply maintainable, we need to get it there by cutting trees and brush and fixing our drainage systems. This is to gain value in the long term and doing so delivers not only financially, but environmentally, and in the viatic (travel/passage) use of our roadways as well.

#### **Financial**

- Predicable, lowest cost maintenance
- Best protects the stability of the infrastructure
- Allows future work to be done in the most economical way possible
- Allows for simple and efficient inspection to quickly identify issues while they are easy to remedy
- Reduces the opportunity for town liability should there be an accident

#### **Environmental**

- Allows for the establishment of growth and critter environments in areas where they can remain undisturbed in a stable area
  - When growth is allowed to establish close to the roadway, both that line of growth and the one behind it needs to be removed as the second row has not grown in a sustainable manner.
- Keeps salt use limited- let the sun to the work for us!
- Keeps growth and critters away from where salt is used
- Helps alleviate water concentrations along the roadway leading to erosion
- Gives the opportunity of supporting varying ecosystems...bees and butterflies along roadway growth and larger critters where the real "woods" starts further back.

### **Viatic Use**

- Gives pedestrians and cyclists safer passage
- Gives animals a better chance to be seen by motorists
- Line of sight improvements for motorists
- Allows for better traffic flow when future work or an accident on the roadway limits travel to one lane
- Reduces the chance of single vehicle accidents striking a tree
- Gives snow a place to melt off the pavement limiting the thaw/refreeze likelihood on the travelled surface. Saves salt, time, and removes a travel hazard.
- STORMS HAPPEN! Keeping growth where it belongs gets us back to a state of normalcy faster, and safer, after a storm. We have had enough of them to know better!
- Having well planned and maintained growth tailored to our infrastructure makes a more inviting environment for Eversource and other utilities to more easily get in and fix their infrastructure after a storm event.