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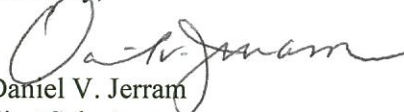
State of Connecticut DOT Tree Cutting on Route 44 - Press Release

Representatives of the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation have informed me of their intent to cut down the four large trees within the state owned landscaped island in the Village Center (between Torrington Savings Bank and Pizza Pete's). The State's primary reasoning for the tree removal is that the existing trees obstruct the view of the signal light in front of Chatterley's Restaurant creating a danger to motorists. They also stated that the trees are too large and have many branches extending well into the road scraping vehicles in the westbound travel lane. I was very disappointed to hear of their plans. My request for mild pruning and/or phased tree cutting to allow new plantings to take hold was rejected.



The silver lining, if there is one, is that the DOT representatives did indicate that my request to replant the island would be approved. The Town of New Hartford is committed to maintaining an attractive Village Center for our residents and business owners. If anyone has suggestions for plantings, please contact me at djerram@town.new-hartford.ct.us.

Sincerely,


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