



Legislation Text

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Summary

To: Park and Tree Board Members

From: Ricky Allison, Recreation and Public Works Director

Date: 1/8/2019

Subject:

Continued discussion of Grand Tree Ordinance

Summary:

The Town lacks an ordinance to protect the trees of significant value. These trees are usually identified as Grand Trees and have more stringent protections beyond that of other trees.

Previous Commission Action: In November the Park and Tree Board discussed the need for a Grand Tree Ordinance and agreed to conduct research and discuss various example ordinance at the next meeting.

Background/Problem Discussion: Within the Town of Belleair there are numerous trees that are of such age and condition that they provide a great value to the town in both an ecologic and aesthetic sense. These trees are normally labeled as Grand Trees by other municipalities and carry much more strict policies toward their care and/or removal

Expenditure Challenges N/A

Financial Implications: Additional code that limits tree removals would impact the Tree Mitigation fund currently used by the Town to plant or maintain the urban canopy.

Recommendation: The Park and Tree Board needs to have consensus on what elements of code to include and enlist a consulting arborist to craft new ordinances for Grand Trees.

Proposed Motion N/A