Tree Care and Removal

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Interim Public Works Director

The purpose of this budget is to give priority to considerable concerns regarding the infestation of oak trees due to the recent gypsy moth infestations and associated drought conditions combined with the loss of ash trees due to the invasive ash borer. Both of these issues are resulting in a large number of trees that are dying across our community and the State. The purpose of this budget is to highlight the need for long-term remediation of tree care and removal.

- Continued aggressive efforts for the care and removal of dying oak and ash trees with removal of over 1500 trees.
- Worked collectively with Eversource to identify and report all dangerous trees to reduce the number of falling trees near and on powerlines to help decrease power outages.
- Continue aggressive efforts for the care and removal of dying oak, ash trees and diseased Beech trees infected by BLD (Beech Leave Disease).
- Work collectively with Eversource to identify and report all dangerous trees to reduce the number of falling trees near and on powerlines to help decrease power outages.
- Continue to remove dead trees by roads to maximize dollars and minimize cost of moving equipment.

10/15/22 - 6/30/23

Calls into PW about trees 202
Calls concerning trees for removal125
Trees Down in roads 77

7/1/23- 6/30/24

Calls into PW about trees 210
Calls concerning trees for removal170
Trees Down in roads 40

7/1/24-1/27/25

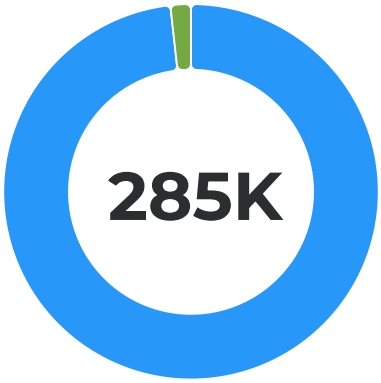
Calls into PW about trees 74
Calls concerning trees for removal49
Trees Down in roads 16

Efforts to reduce tree call-outs and power outages as well as routine work orders have decreased by removing dying or diseased trees throughout town.

Tree Financials

Expenditures by Object Summary

FY27 Expenditures by Object Summary 1



Purchased Property Services	**$280,000**	98.25%
Purchased Professional Services	**$5,000**	1.75%

Expenditures by Object Summary

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budgeted	FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget vs. FY 2027 Budgeted ($ Change)	FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget vs. FY 2027 Budgeted (% Change)
Purchased Professional Services	$105.00	$290.00	$1,500.00	$5,000.00	$3,500.00	233.33%
TREE WARDEN	$105.00	$290.00	$1,500.00	$5,000.00	$3,500.00	233.33%
Purchased Property Services	$290,798.27	$245,405.25	$280,000.00	$280,000.00	-	0.00%
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	$290,798.27	$245,405.25	$280,000.00	$280,000.00	-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	**$290,903.27**	**$245,695.25**	**$281,500.00**	**$285,000.00**	**$3,500.00**	**1.24%**

Personnel Summary

Summary of Goals