



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

August 20, 2019

Andrew Corrigan  
Leona Corrigan  
1351 Sassaquin Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02745

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

On Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with Douglas Corrigan regarding some tree and shrub trimming he wanted to conduct at 1351 Sassaquin Avenue, which according to the Assessor's Office is owned by you. We specifically went over what could be cut. He stated shrubs would not be cut any lower than 4' tall and only dead trees would be removed.

I then stopped by the property and spoke with Jeff, your neighbor. He and I inspected the areas to be trimmed. I specifically stated only the dead trees could be removed and pointed these out to him. I again stated the native shrubs would be cut no lower than a height of 4'. Jeff stated he understood and proceeded to call Douglas Corrigan on the phone and relay to him that we had gone over the specifications for cutting.

On Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, Conservation Vice Chairman Dennis Audette informed me he then went to the site to put a stop work on any further clearing. Healthy trees had been removed and the shrubs had been cut below 4' in height. The remaining trees had been substantially limbed to allow for a clear line of sight to Sassaquin Pond.

The breach of verbal agreement is unacceptable. You are hereby notified that future vegetation cutting of any kind on, or within the 100' Buffer Zone to, the Banks of Sassaquin Pond will require the prior written approval of the Conservation Commission and field marking by the Conservation Agent of what can be cut. The 100' Buffer Zone extends 100' inland from the Banks of the pond. Failure to follow these requirements will result in enforcement action and fines. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Porter".

Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent

cc: Conservation Commissioners