

Mary O'Neil

From: Jason Frank <jason.frank.13@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 7:02 AM
To: Mary O'Neil
Subject: Re: Estimate 2090 from DJ's Tree Service

Mary - I took another shot at this as it relates to our "tree plan." Let me know if this is better. Hopefully we can include this narrative in addition to the estimate from DJs.

Let me know your thoughts.

Tree Plan:

The lot is .53 acres and it has never been trimmed, thinned, pruned or landscaped in any way. There are too many trees to inventory. There appears to be several tree species, many fallen trees, low lying brush, etc. Our plan is to clear an area large enough to accommodate for the proposed footprint of the new structure and remove any and all dead, diseased, rotted or infested trees (this is a large number of the trees on the lot). We will remove any additional trees that may pose danger to life or the future state of the property. We hope to save as many of the trees as we can to provide a natural landscape. There are many large pines on the lot that are rotted and pose risk to the house and future inhabitants - this became further evident during a recent storm during the summer of 2016 as several large, rotted pines fell on the property (please see attached photo taken on 8/24/16). Had the structure been in the proposed location on the site plan it would have been significantly damaged. We have consulted with a professional tree removal company (DJ's Tree Service) who would be responsible for completing the work and they advised that very few of the trees on the lot are in healthy condition and they recommended clearing most, if not all of the lot to ensure that our new structure is not damaged and that we remain safe. We even had them explore the possibility of us using some of the lumber that from trees that would be removed for our project and they informed us that this would not be possible given the condition of the trees. For the trees that do require removal DJ's will leave roughly 1-2 feet of stump (to be removed later by the excavator). Any trees and/or brush that is removed will be hauled away and not disposed of on the site. The excavator will remove and dispose of all stumps (disposal will not be on the subject property). Following the completion of the project we will plant grass in the front and rear of the home to match the existing landscaping theme present in the rest of the development.

Final determination of trees that pose risk and/or are dead, diseased, rotted or infested will be made on the date of clearing. The homeowner will be present on the date of clearing to ensure that trees that are healthy and not in the way of the structure can remain in tact.

In addition we have already had conversations with the previous owner of the lot (Mr. Tony Pomerleau), as we will continue to border additional property that he owns. We both agreed that we should attempt to save as many trees as we could that are not in the area of the proposed new structure, dead, diseased, rotted or infested

On Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 5:28 PM, Jason Frank <jason.frank.13@gmail.com> wrote:

Mary - I will do a short write up to be included. I can't ask the tree service company to inventory every tree on the lot, I am not sure that is realistic? Also - part of the clearing effort will be to remove the low lying brush.

- B. *Providing stabilization on slopes vulnerable to erosion*
- C. *Located within a riparian or littoral buffer*
- D. *Provide unique wildlife habitat*
- E. *A rare northern Vermont tree species as listed by the Vermont Natural Heritage Program; or*
- F. *A significant element of, or significantly enhances, an historic site*

Your tree guy is going to have to give more information than he has provided. What are the existing conditions? What are the species/breakdown? What area needs thinning? Which trees are a threat? What do we need to remove as many trees as we propose? Do the existing trees provide a significant privacy or aesthetic buffer to another property? How will the site be treated after the tree clearing?

You need this information to provide the Development Review Board with enough evidence to approve your plan. Without it, you risk your project going forward, and open you up to appeal. You want to be able to answer their questions before they even ask.

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Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2016 3:05 PM
To: Mary O'Neil
Subject: Fwd: Estimate 2090 from DJ's Tree Service

Mary see attached letter from tree professional to help document need for lot clearing.

Also see attached picture of tree that is down on the site. Example of what is likely to continue to occur with rotted trees.

Jason

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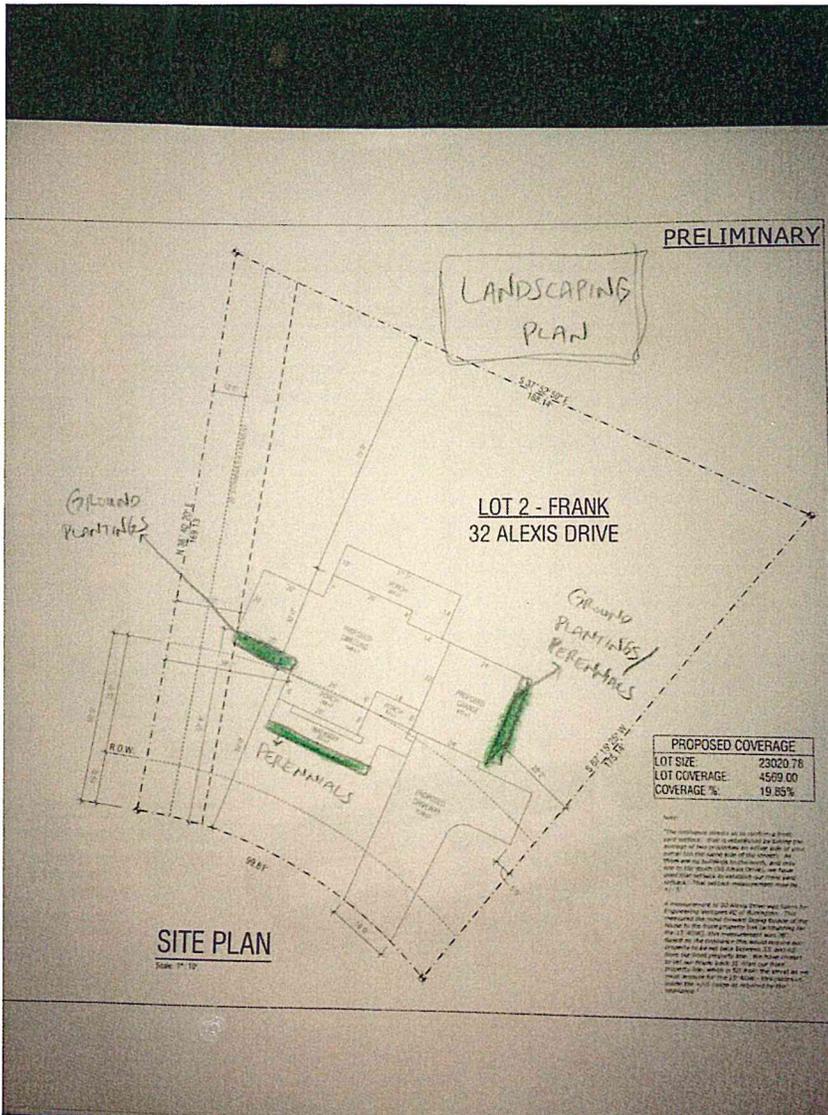
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| Date | Estimate # |
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| 8/25/2016 | 2090 |

| Description | Total |
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| <p>This proposal is for clearing dangerous rotting trees to make room for the new homes to be built and for the safety of people. Lots are located at 32 and 42 Alexis Drive, Burlington, VT.</p> <p>In my professional opinion the lots should be cleared totally based on the condition of the existing trees.</p> | |
| <p>Proof of Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance furnished upon request.</p> <p>Thank you, Jim Myers</p> | <p>Total \$0.00</p> |





A few additional notes:

- The plans are titled "preliminary" as we are not going to "finalize" them until we have the sign off from the DRB
- The plans attached call for hardieplank/cement siding - WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO WITH ALL VINYL FOR BOTH THE SIDING MATERIAL AS WELL AS TRIM
- The plans attached call for a combination of asphalt shingle and standing seam roof - WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO WITH ALL ASPHALT SHINGLE ROOF, there will be NO standing seam
- Our architect included details on the outdoor lighting (as you requested) - on page A.06
- You can ignore page A.08 - our architect included this as another alternative for the backyard and windows for basement - WE WILL NOT BE DOING THIS
- You will notice utilities placed around the house - final determination of location will ultimately be made by the builder in partnership with the city, these will not be placed on the front of the house
- Believe you said that you would update our stormwater plan - please note the updated lot coverage number that is on the site plan
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If I have missed anything please call me tomorrow. I am traveling the early part of next week for work and would like to ensure that you have everything you need so that we are prepared for the DRB hearing.