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ROADSIDE BRUSH AND TREE REMOVAL

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SECTION I. PURPOSE: To establish a process for the removal of trees and brush from Town roadsides.

SECTION II. PROCESS:

- A. Trees and brush will be removed from Town roadsides for the following reasons:
 - 1. As a safety precaution to keep vegetative material from blocking motorist's views,
 - 2. To protect passing vehicles from damage,
 - 3. To aid in drying out persistent wet areas on various roads.
- **B.** Trees will not be removed from fallen power lines or power lines threatened by trees. CVPS must be called.
- **C.** All roadside cutting shall take into consideration the weight of snow on overhanging branches.
- **D.** All effort shall be taken to conserve as many trees as possible by thinning and pruning.
- **E.** Useable firewood will be offered to the abutting property owner if contact can be made within a reasonable amount of time. If the property owner can not be contacted, or refuses the wood, it should be offered to residents of Sandgate whose names appear on a list compiled by the Town Service Officer as residents in need of fuel. Barring the absence of a list from the Town Service Officer, the wood shall be given to residents that have put in a request for wood. The wood should be given to residents residing closest to the wood.
- **F.** Any wood given to residents will not be cut into cord-wood lengths, split by Town employees, nor delivered by Town employees, on Town time.
- **G.** Stumps should be removed if possible.
- **H.** Branches, etc., should be removed from the area to sites designated by the Selectboard.
- I. Any large areas that have no vegetation shall be seeded and mulched.
- **J.** Herbicides will not be used on Sandgate roadways.

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