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Mayor Scott Strauss and Village Trustees
Village of Mineola
155 Washington Avenue
Mineola NY 11501

Dear Mayor Strauss and Village Trustees:

I wrote a letter in January on file with you that describes my credentials and concern for trees. I will repeat part of it below for your reference.

I am extremely displeased about your current actions destroying a group of old Sycamore/London Plane trees on Roslyn Road by Raff Avenue without consulting an arborist and allowing a public dialogue.

I urge you to halt your work.

I examined The Sycamore/London Plane trees last week and found that they were in healthy condition and should be preserved, not cut down.

The trees had holes that were not damaging to their structural integrity.

The trees showed thriving activity in all branches.

Richard Brummel told me that he viewed the stumps of the two trees you cut down Tuesday and they had approximately 8 to 10 inches decay in the center. However, old trees can have decay in the core of the tree and not be structurally unsound. Again the trees all appeared to be extremely healthy and sturdy, having survived the recent storms.

As no systematic core samples were apparently done on the two cut down trees or the others targeted for removal, it is not possible to determine whether there is a scientific case to be made for removing them for safety reasons.

I urge you to halt your removal operations and allow a clear analysis by a certified arborist to be made on the remaining trees. Please call me if you have any questions at (516) 456-3968

These are very beautiful examples of mature Sycamore/London Plane trees that I am sure many in the community value, and which have multiple ecological benefits that cannot be duplicated by brand new nursery tree replacements.

I am an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture, the major national accrediting body for tree experts. My certification number is NY0918A. I was originally certified in approximately 2000. I have been a practicing arborist for about 10 years. I work throughout the North Shore. I live in East Hills, where I have been a resident about 45 years. I was a member of the East Hills Architectural Review Board and contributed to the establishment of a Tree Preservation law in East Hills about 6 years ago.

As an arborist I am trained to assess the health of trees, to design landscaping for trees, to remove trees, and to maintain the health of trees. I am in this field because I value trees for their beauty and their vital place in nature and in our communities.

My academic background is Cornell University BS in Agricultural Science, 1962. I have received other extensive training by attending about 40 – 50 seminars of continuing education in arboriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Oberlander". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Richard Oberlander
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