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Municipality Year Adopted and/or Last amended	Trees/Properties/Area of Lot Affected	Size/Species of Trees	Involved Officials And/Or Agency	Criteria for Removal of Tree	Elements of Tree Plan/Survey	Bond and fees	Guidelines/Requireme nts for Planting or Removal	Fines
Town of Somers Adopted 1990 Amended 2005	<p>-Clear cutting permitted only as part of approved site plan, subdivision or building permit</p> <p>-When part of building permit – cutting to be limited for purpose of establishing driveway, septic system, well, structure or building. Limited to area within 30’ of principal building and 5’ of all other improvements. Building Inspector to refer to Planning Board to determine appropriateness.</p> <p>Tree Removal Permit required any for: any tree within a regulated buffer zone; any tree within the common lands of conservation; any tree within the Town of Somers Historic Preservation District; any tree within wetland or wetland buffer; any tree on a very steep slope as defined in Chapter 148; If more than a designated number of trees is being removed from a property of a certain type.</p>	<p>-Clear cutting – cutting of more than 2 trees which constitute more than 30% of trees of 4” at 4.5 or at cutline, in a contiguous area greater than 10,000 s.f. over any 10 year cutting cycle.</p> <p>The number of tree removals in a year allowed with a permit is set and based on the zone where the trees are located.</p>	Town Engineer and Planning Board	No permit required if tree is dead or poses a danger to a structure, vehicle or person, to control fires, to maintain right of way of public utilities. If an applicant has planted a tree, they can remove it.	Permit Approval authority may require applicant to provide a graphic depiction of “clearing and grading limit line”. Color photos or slides of the area and environment where trees are being removed may be required. A survey or sketch showing the number of trees to be removed and relational information to the surrounding area may also required.	Fee will be required and set by the Town Board	A definition of “clearing and grading limit lines” has been established	Not more than \$350, and possible imprisonment of 15 days max. Violator must restore or replace damage. Each tree removal is a separate offense.