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To: [Town Admin](#)
Subject: Limbs on Old County Rd - House move to 491 Old County Rd
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Hi Jen,

I hope you are well. I am attempting to move a small house (288 sq Feet) from Lagoon Pond Rd in Tisbury, up to my family property in West Tisbury at 491 Old County Rd. My hope is to eventually turn this into a dwelling for myself. I have been working closely with the Town of Tisbury as I go through their permitting process as well as the State. I have been in contact with Chief Cortez and Chief Habekost regarding a police detail on the day of the move and they are in support. The house will traverse State Rd to Old County Rd.

After completing a height survey with my mover (the house is 15 feet high loaded on the trailer), we identified 5-6 low-lying branches along Old County Rd that will need to be trimmed in order for the structure to pass safely. For efficiency's sake, I would like to trim these limbs before the day of the move.

Here is a link to a map and some photos of the limbs in question:



House Move Old County Rd - Limb Removal.pdf

I have reached out to Richie Olsen and spoke with Jeremiah Brown regarding this effort. I also shared the above document with Tim Boland of the WT Tree Advisory Committee. This was his response:

"The West Tisbury Tree Advisory Committee reviewed the pruning of the six trees along Old County Road and commented that the pruning cuts will not negatively impact future tree growth, but will likely improve the tree's structure, due to visible wounds or scraps that already appear to be happening. This is a standard safety measure and in this instance can be done very quickly with the targeted cuts outlined in red in the graphics. An arborist company accompanied by the town safety patrol should perform these branch modifications before the move is attempted.

Additionally, the day of the move may require smaller cuts, but the first round of structural improvements will likely resolve the current height challenges posed by the lower branches along the route.

The Tree Advisory is available to answer any questions involving this project.

Thank you,

Tim Boland
Chair - West Tisbury Tree Advisory Committee"

Tim suggested that I loop you in. Timing is an issue here as the house is in danger of being torn down if I can not move it soon. My question is, what approvals do I require to hire a crew to perform this maintenance? Please feel free to reach out with any questions. My cell is 774-563-0445 if you would like to call!

Best,
David