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To: Board of Trustees
From: Bryan Healy, Village Manager
Date: February 13, 2023
Re: Tree Work Along U.S. Route 9

I was alerted last week to some tree work which had taken place some weeks earlier along U.S. Route 9 north of the Senasqua Road exit. Numerous healthy trees had been “topped” along both the east and west sides of Route 9.

Upon investigation, it was determined that the MTA Police had arrested two individuals who were caught performing this unauthorized work on January 1st of this year. The individuals have each been charged with five misdemeanors, including Criminal Tampering in the 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, Unlawful Removal of Protected Plants, Criminal Trespass in the 3rd Degree and Reckless Endangerment of Property.

It is important to note that these trees were located along the NYS Department of Transportation right-of-way and on MTA property. The Village has no jurisdiction in the issuance of tree removal permits in these areas.

These cases are currently being adjudicated in the Croton-on-Hudson Village Court. The investigation is continuing and additional information will be shared as it is available.