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THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL

WHEREAS: The Town of Middletown has been a designated Tree City for over 5 years and has had a successful Tree Commission and planting/maintenance program since 1993, and

WHEREAS: The Town of Middletown has a designated Tree Warden, Tree Commission and Open Space Commission, and

WHEREAS: In that Middletown leadership works closely with the Middletown Tree Commission, state departments, private residences and all utility providers, and

WHEREAS: The result of this multi-pronged approach and efforts provides a successful and coordinated approach to safety and uninterrupted delivery of utility services to the Town and its residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS: Senate Bill S0466 and House Bill H5656 will eliminate municipal management and control that extends to any limbs, roots, parts of trees and shrubs, that extend or overhang the limits or bounds of any public road or grounds, and

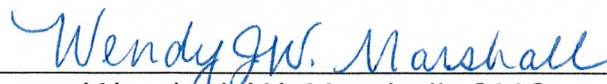
WHEREAS: Senate Bill S0466 and House Bill H5656 will allow the current public energy provider access to private property for trimming or cutting without owner approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Town of Middletown recommends to the State of Rhode Island Senate and House that they withdraw Bills S0466 and H5656 and create a comprehensive task force that will protect the municipal and private property owner's rights along with working on a solution to reduce tree related power outages.

June 5, 2023

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL



Wendy J. W. Marshall, CMC
Town Clerk