

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
DEAD, DANGEROUS, UNSAFE TREE
REMOVAL APPLICATION (SHOREFRONT LOTS)**

Shorefront property owners may cut dead, dangerous, or unsafe trees on their property if they comply with Town rules in Section 305.6.5.6 of the Zoning Ordinance as listed at the top of page 4.

1. Owner Information

Owner _____ Date: _____

Permanent Address: _____ Phone # _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell# _____

2. Property Information

Property Address: _____ Phone: _____

Map# _____ Lot# _____ Lot Size (acres) _____ Zoning District _____

You can find the first 3 items on your tax bill. Check zoning district with Zoning Officer.

3. Current Property Use—check all that apply

Residential (existing home) _____ Accessory buildings only _____ Raw Land _____

Commercial _____ Camp/Campground _____ Other _____ Specify _____

4. Trees to be Cut

Describe the condition and number of the tree(s) to be cut: _____

Explain the danger or concern of tree(s) to be cut: _____

Attach signed opinion by licensed forester or arborist, if required.

Is the property 10 acres or more? _____ Yes No

Is there any wet area on this plot? _____ Yes No

If yes, where? _____

5. Other Instructions

- Attach a plot plan showing the location of the dead/dangerous tree(s) to be cut with the distance from a permanent structure. Include owner name, address, proposed date of project and map/lot number.
- Take pictures before and be prepared to show where tree(s) were prior to being cut.
- No tree point count is required.
- If stumps are removed, fill in with pervious material, new trees, or natural vegetation. Protect the water body while and following removal.

6. Plot Plan

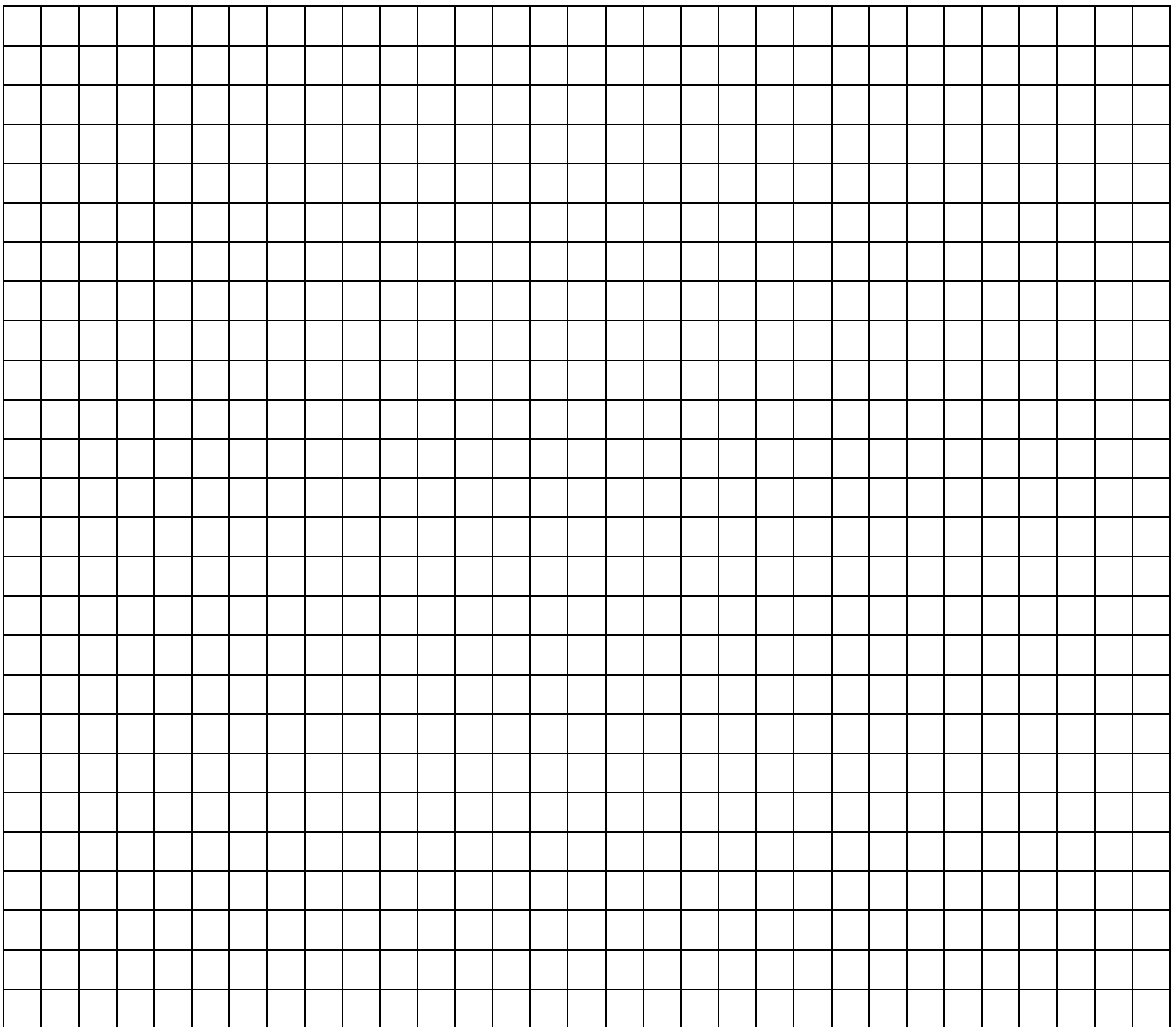
1. Orient your drawing so the road is at the bottom of the diagram.
2. Draw the shape/outline of your lot on the grid on the next page.
3. Mark the boundary distances in feet. If you have a surveyed plot plan, please use that data. If not, go to <https://townoffreedom.net/tax-maps/> to select your tax map, then find your lot number for the data.

Lot road frontage: _____ Left boundary: _____ Right boundary: _____ Rear boundary: _____

4. Locate dead, dangerous, or damaged trees on the grid.

Owner Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Map _____ Lot _____ Property Address: _____



SIGNATURES

The undersigned owner hereby requests a permit for the above use, to be issued based on the representations contained herein. Permit is void in the event of misrepresentation and/or not being in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review, Subdivision Regulations (if applicable) and other applicable State and Town laws and regulations.

I/We will allow access to my/our property for inspection regarding this proposed work.

This application must be submitted by and signed by all owners of the property listed on this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Property owner

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Property owner

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Property owner

This application must meet the terms of Sections 2301 through section 2307 of the Freedom Zoning Ordinance.

If you are using an agent for this application, provide the information below:

Designation of Agent

I designate the person listed below as my agent for the purpose of procuring the necessary local permits for the proposed work as described herein. Representations made by my agent may be accepted as though made by me personally, and I understand that I am bound by any official decision made based on such representations.

Agent _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____

Owner's signature _____

Owner's signature _____

Owner's signature _____

Zoning Officer Decision

The Zoning Officer can approve this application only if the applicant has met the terms of the ordinance shown below:

305.6.5.6 A resident who wishes to cut a dead, diseased, or unsafe tree within the shorefront district can make an application to the Zoning Officer for a permit. This application must include an opinion from a licensed NH forester or certified arborist that the tree is dead, diseased, or unsafe to obtain a permit. Trees damaged by natural causes deemed hazardous by the Zoning Officer or without needles or leaves should be exempt from the requirement to have a certified arborist or a licensed forester’s opinion.

If the applicant has not met these requirements, the Zoning Officer will deny the application. The applicant may appeal the Zoning Officer’s decision to the ZBA.

Approved _____ Date _____ Zoning Officer _____

Denied _____ Date _____ Zoning Officer _____

Reason for denial _____

If the Zoning Officer denies the application, the applicant may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Please use the Zoning Board Application at <https://townoffreedom.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ZBA-APPLICATION.pdf>

ZBA Tips:

- Application and Appointment of Agent Form must be completed and signed by all owners of the property.
- Abutter letters go directly to ZBA at PO Box 227, Freedom, NH 03836
- The applicant is responsible to fulfill all requirements from the ZBA and provide the necessary information. The applicant is responsible for reading the regulations. The Zoning Officer’s role is to help the applicant complete the application if the applicant requests help.
- To be considered by the ZBA, an application must be significantly different from a previous application which the ZBA has previously denied.
- If the ZBA approves the special exception or variance, the application will come back to the Zoning Officer for action. The Zoning Officer will determine that the applicant has met all conditions imposed by the ZBA and sign below.
- The ZBA approval can be appealed within 30 days of the decision.

Approval below signifies that the applicant has submitted proof that they have met all conditions listed by the zoning board of adjustment.

Approved _____ Date _____ Zoning Officer _____

Per ZBA decision dated: _____