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## PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of  
Bristol: The undersigned hereby respectfully  
requested of your Honorable Body that:



See Attached:

① ~~Bill~~ Letter

② ~~Letter~~ Bill

③ Photos

### PLEASE NOTE:

Please ensure that your petition is submitted  
by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays before the  
Town Council meeting scheduled for

in order to be included on the docket. Ac-  
cording to Council policy, petitions cannot  
be addressed unless recommendations, if  
needed, from the relevant departments are  
received before the Council meeting

SIGNATURE: David J. Coccio

NAME: David J. Coccio

ADDRESS: 33 Greenway Drive

TOWN: BRISTOL, RI 02809

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November 20, 2024

**Subject: Request for Partial Reimbursement for Sewer Line Replacement**

Dear Town Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally request partial reimbursement for the costs incurred in replacing my sewer line at 33 Greenway Dr, due to circumstances beyond my control that resulted from a town-owned tree.

Despite the town ordinance placing the responsibility of sewer line maintenance on property owners, the damage to my sewer line was caused by the roots of a tree located on town property. This tree's extensive root system infiltrated and damaged my sewer line, necessitating an urgent and costly replacement.

Here are the key points that I hope the Town Council will consider:

1. **Cause of Damage:** The damage to the sewer line was directly caused by the roots of a tree that is on town property, not due to any neglect or failure on my part.
2. **Unpreventable by me:** The extent of the root damage could not have been prevented by regular maintenance, thus making it a unique and exceptional circumstance. I had used the root killer supplied by the sewer department and regularly had a roter service clear the line as best they could.
3. **Financial Burden:** The cost of replacing the sewer line was \$8,548.00 and has placed a significant financial burden on me, and partial reimbursement would greatly alleviate this unexpected expense.

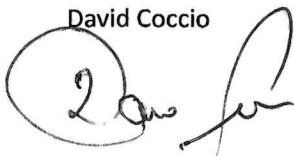
I have attached all relevant documentation, including photographs of the damage, invoices for the repair work, and any correspondences with the town's maintenance department.

I kindly request that the Town Council review this matter and consider my request for partial reimbursement. I believe that a fair and just resolution would acknowledge the unique situation and the town's role in the damage to the sewer line.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your positive response and am available to discuss this matter further at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

David Coccio

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Coccio', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

**BILL TO**  
 Dave and Marie Coccio

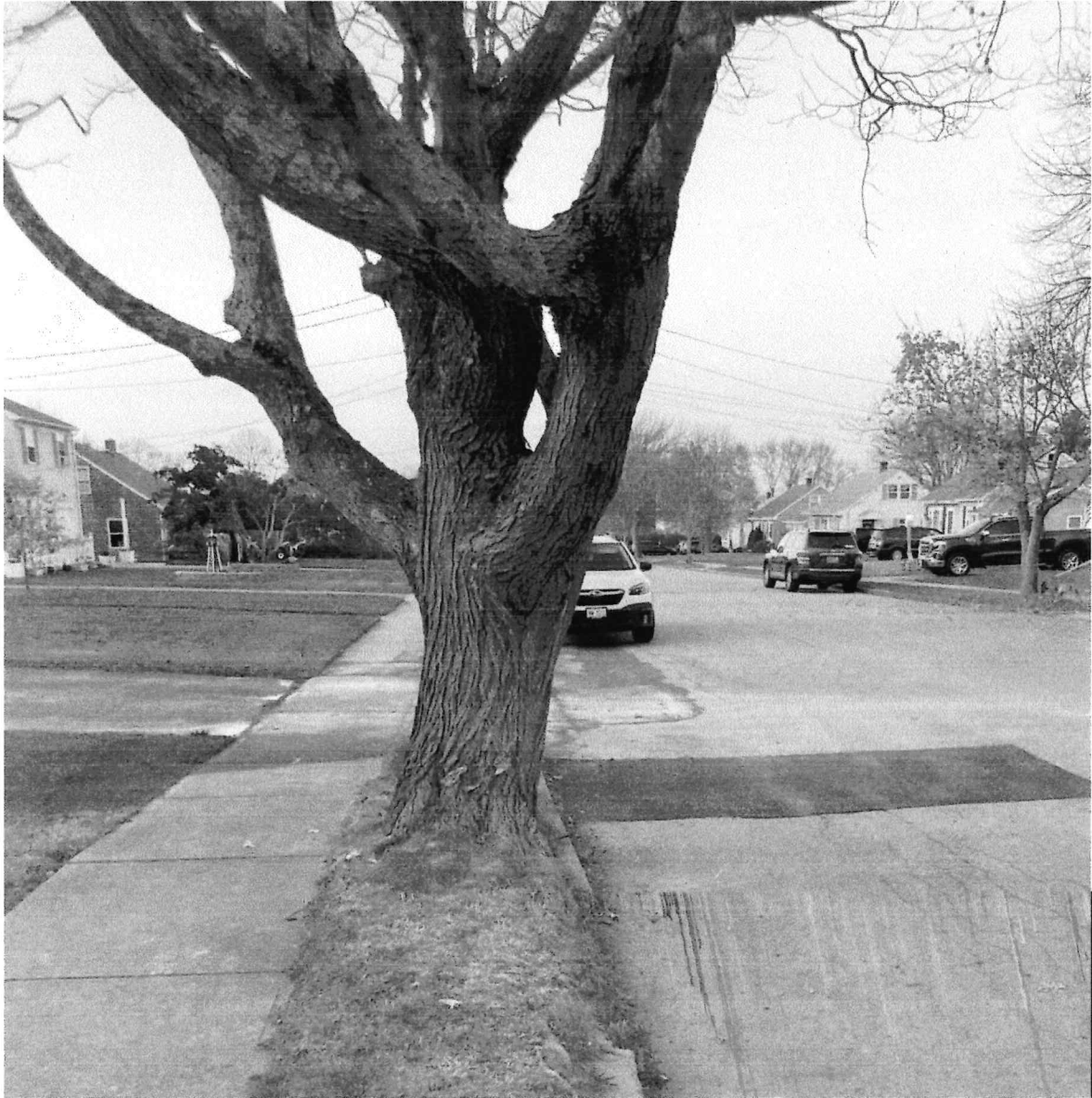
INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
6730	11/15/2024	\$6,165.50	11/18/2024	Due on receipt	

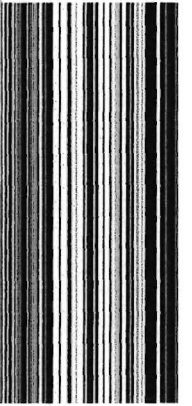
DATE		DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
11/15/2024	<b>Excavation</b>	sewer with new line - original price	1	9,235.00	9,235.00
11/15/2024	<b>price adjustment</b>	less \$600 sidewalk repair - not needed	-1	600.00	-600.00
11/15/2024	<b>price adjustment</b>	less unused pipe material	-1	87.00	-87.00

PAYMENT 2,382.50  
 BALANCE DUE **\$6,165.50**

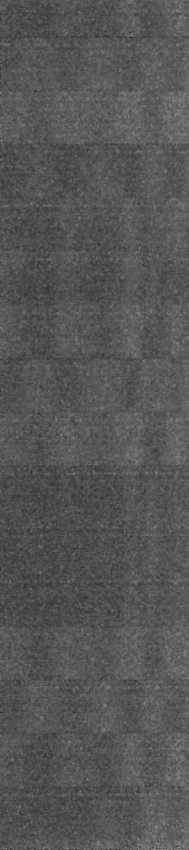
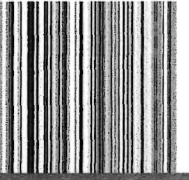
*Total Paid \$8,548.00*

Tree and where the line was replaced









Root once removed





Root inside the pipe

