

POND REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

Walk around with Tony Livermore, Supervisor, GAIA Landscapes, Inc.

Thursday, February 7, 2019, Tony and I walked our ponds and surrounding landscaping for which they are responsible under contract. We reviewed all aspects of the contract and observed the following:

- SVOA Ponds.
 - Last month we noted cloudy water (turbidity) caused by the massive amount of water that flowed through our ponds in mid -December. Water clarity continues to improve.
- SVOA Landscaping around ponds. Performed bi-weekly.
 - Lawn Service – edging and weeding GAIA will add fertilizer along to its thatching process to the grass strips along the street. We noted “white” areas along this area due to thatch and a different type of grass than is in the main lawn.
 - Shrubs & Beds Service – weeds are under control; shrubs pruned. GAIA will be pruning the pines within the pump house mound along the grass area and within.
 - We noted that Lane Forest left some blown Hemlock along the sidewalk along Stoneybrook Street and did not apply Hemlock along the 3-foot area on the back side of the pond (behind the homes). Tony had reviewed the map with Lane prior to application. I asked Tony to call Lane to return to remove the Hemlock from the sidewalk and apply Hemlock along the 3-foot area on the back side of the pond.
 - GAIA completed removing and replacing the Ash behind 4773H (overlooking the Pond in the easement); grinding the stump and lateral roots below sight level; replacing with owner-selected Crepe Myrtle. The ARC approved the completion.
- **BOARD REQUESTED ACTION:** Authorize GAIA Landscapes to remove, grind stump and lateral roots the dying Mountain Ash behind 4723 H which is within the 3-foot common area and replace with Crape Myrtle (similar to the species planted within the easement at 4773 H). GAIA’s proposal for this work is attached (\$568.00). Note, in 2015 SVOA removed and replaced another dying Mountain Ash behind 4721 H facing the pond. Following the Pond Doctor’s assessment of our ponds, maintaining trees along the ponds enhances shade and thus help cool the rocks to provide a more balanced ecology.

Picture of dying Mountain Ash behind 4723H:

