

A Report from the Board of Selectmen

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### Tree Growth Applications and Management Plans

In early April this year, the Board of Selectmen sent out letters to all Tree Growth Tax Law participants that had tree growth tax program documentation that required updating. The letters explained that the owners had 120 days to provide the requested documentation or they would be subject to a \$500 penalty in the form of a supplemental property tax assessment. Many Tree Growth Participants have not filed the requested documents and the supplemental assessments are now being prepared.

Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Bulletin No. 19

(<http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/pubs/bull19text.htm>) covers the Tree Growth Tax Law. Land owners have 6 months from the date of being assessed the \$500 penalty to file the required documents, after which they will be assessed another \$500 supplemental assessment. If six months after the second \$500 assessment, the landowner still has not submitted the requested documents, their land will be withdrawn from the Tree Growth Tax Law Program and the withdrawal penalties will be assessed as property taxes.

If you are a Tree Growth Tax Law participant that hasn't responded, please get your overdue documentation to the Administrative Assistant at the town office ASAP.

Sincerely  
Baldwin Board of Selectmen