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It was good to meet Lyn Lombard and Mike Sindoni Friday afternoon and look at the trees around the gazebo on the town common. The large (12" trunk diameter) concolor fir used as the Christmas tree has a number of dead branches in the upper half of the tree, caused by either needle fungus or branch cankers. These should be pruned out. Yes, the tree will be naked in these few spots, but the surrounding branches will grow to mask these areas and the tree is in overall good health. Remove and reinstall the Christmas lights each season, rather than leaving them on the tree.

The 15" trunk diameter red maple near the 1st flag pole has a dead top because of winter injury and exposed/girdling root problems. However, the tree is in other wise good shape and there is no need to remove it. Also do some judicious trimming of the side branches to give more room for the flag pole.

Plan on hiring an arborist to do these prunings, as well as a maintenance pruning of the other trees showing dead/broken branches. This will cost about \$1,000.

After this, plan on doing again every 5 years to maintain the health of the trees.

Any of these local arborists would be a good choice:

Mark Przekurat
99 Mt. Dearborn Rd.
Weare, NH 03281
Tel. 529-0874

Dan Tremblay
PO Box 876
Milford, NH 03055
Tel. 673-1513

William Kucharski
10 Mayflower Dr.
Milford, NH 03055
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Lee Gilman
28A Old Manchester Rd.
Amherst, NH 03031
Tel. 233-1839

With all the public use of the commons, you really should rent a motorized lawn aerator (also called a plugger) at least once a year at this time of the season. This will also help the roots of the trees. Also try to refresh the bark mulch around the trees by maintaining 2" of depth. These can be wood chips from the road crew trimmings, to keep the cost down.

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