



# Town of

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## Tree Warden PUBLIC HEARING

September 28, 2023

The meeting of the Tree Hearing was called to order at 2:04 pm by Tree Warden Leah Grigrov.

Present with the Tree Warden were Lisa Okscin, DPW Business Manager, Ross Purdy, Loretta Barowsky, and David Boyajian.

Tree Warden read into the record the legal notice. Started with tree located at 725 Longmeadow St, which is a 39" Oak. This tree is at Town Hall along the parking area to the left. The top is losing branches and the Town has requested to take it down as it is by the parking area with concern of its decline. This is a heavy pedestrian used way. There was no public comment on this tree.

Next, tree at 23 Woodlawn Place which is a 32" White Pine. Under the Davey Report this tree was reported as "fair condition". Resident is requesting the tree to be taken down due to infrastructure with the driveway. Per Ross Purdy, the neighbor redid their driveway and had to chop a lot of the roots. Per neighbor across the street, Loretta Barowsky, the tree is dropping branches, there are very heavy ones on top coming down now. These big limbs pose damage on sidewalk and those living around the area in fear of hitting their house. Homeowner hired an arborist and the recommendation was to take the tree down. Homeowner plans to be redoing their driveway which will destroy more roots. There are also powerlines underneath this tree so potential to take out power. Homeowner is willing to put in another tree.

Final tree is 49 Edgewood Ave, which is a 29" Norway Maple. According to the Davey Report tree is in "fair condition" and recommendation was to receive pruning. This tree has received pruning by the utility company in a not so care friendly way. Summer the tree still has foliage. Barowsky commented that all the leaves are on one side which makes it heavy during snow storms. Homeowner David Boyajian stated he has had to have his sewer service line cleaned out every 3-5 years for the roots getting in the line. The sidewalk has been tilted by the tree, which sidewalk was newly put in 5/6 years ago. This is the only tree for 500ft on that side of the street. Homeowner is accepting of having another tree planted. Feels this tree has been dissected and no longer natural tree anymore.

At 2:14 pm the meeting was adjourned.