



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### **Shade Tree Hearing** **June 23, 2015 – 2:00 – 9 Alpha Road**

**Attendees:** Gary Persichetti, DPW Director, Tree Warden  
Stephen Jahnle, Assistant DPW Director  
Sharon Boyer, Departmental Assistant, DPW  
Andrew Silinsh – 2 Blacksmith Road  
Pauline Fabbri – 23 Rivermeadow Drive  
Brunno Fabbri – 23 Rivermeadow Drive  
Michael Pierson – 25 Rivermeadow Drive  
Laura Barefield – 25 Rivermeadow Drive  
Leo Hogan – 22 Second Street  
Jay Wanek – 21 Rivermeadow Drive

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Gary Persichetti, Director of Public Works and Tree Warden.

- 21 inch Elm Tree -22 Second Street

Homeowner Leo Hogan explained that he had put an addition on his house and widened the driveway. The tree on the corner of his driveway, in the Town right-of-way, was a nuisance. The droppings from the tree were damaging the new asphalt. He has lived in this house for 18 years.

Andrew Silinsh indicated based on the pictures, the tree might not be an Elm.

Gary Persichetti indicated if he granted permission to take this tree down the homeowner, at his expense, must replant a tree. He must hire a professional company to remove the tree and provide a certificate of insurance. Gary will take the request under advisement and respond to the homeowner in writing.

- 28 inch Oak at 21 Rivermeadow Drive
- 21 inch Oak at 21 Rivermeadow Drive
- 15 inch Oak at 21 Rivermeadow Drive
- 34 inch Oak between 21 and 23 Rivermeadow Drive

Steve Jahnle indicated these 4 trees must be removed to complete the sidewalk project on Rivermeadow Drive. Each of these trees will be replaced by the Town. They can be replaced on the same property if the homeowner agrees or on other Town owned land. Additional shrubbery could be added to these homes if requested by the homeowner.

Laura Barefield requested the sidewalk be placed on the opposite side of Rivermeadow. She is concerned about losing shade on the street and lowering of property values if the trees are removed. Steve indicated that it would be more difficult and costly since the Town does not own enough land on the other side of the street and all the telephone poles are there as well. He indicated that it would require surveys, easements, land takings and approval at Fall Town Meeting. He also indicated that might be a problem for the house on the corner of Rivermeadow based on his land and the existing sidewalk.

Michael Pierson expressed concern about nature disappearing in Chelmsford. Gary assured him that for every tree removed, a new tree would be planted. Generally the replacement tree is 2" in diameter. The Town has found that to be most successful. The Town would consider a larger tree however the larger trees have not had a successful survival rate.

Jay Wanek indicated that he did not feel there was proper communication from the Town regarding the sidewalk plan. He would have spoken up earlier if he knew trees would need to be removed for the sidewalk. He indicated he would like to make sure the new trees planted provide enough shade.

Brunno Fabbri would like the tree removed between 21 and 23 Rivermeadow. He feels the tree makes backing out of his driveway dangerous. He also indicated he has spent a lot of money over the years on that tree and it is a problem for him. He would gladly have the sidewalks on the odd side of the street. He said he sees many people of all ages walking on the road and feels it would be safer to have sidewalks.

- 36 inch Maple Tree – 35 Princeton Street

Steve Jahnle spoke of this tree. It was in decline prior to building the new parking lot near North Fire Station. Since the paving of the parking lot, the tree is in severe decline. He is requesting removal for safety purposes.

- 32 inch Maple Tree – across from 4 Proctor Road

Steve Jahnle reported that this tree is in severe decline and ant infested. Removal of this tree was requested by Parks Supervisor.

All tree removal requests will be taken under advisement by Gary Persichetti, DPW Director, Tree Warden.

The public hearing closed at 3:00 p.m.

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Gary Persichetti, Tree Warden



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### **Shade Tree Hearing**

July 7, 2015

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