



**Department of Public Works – Parks & Trees Division**

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**TREE HEARING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. - Town Hall, Room 110**  
**365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA**

**Posting:** Subject trees were tagged with a hearing notice February 2nd. A hearing notice including a complete list of trees designated for removal was posted in the Town Clerk’s Office and at the DPW Administration Office on or before February 2, 2023. The public hearing notice was published in the Lowell Sun newspaper on Wednesday February 8, 2023 and on Friday, February 17, 2023.

**Municipal Staff Attendance:** Michael Haines, Superintendent of Parks & Trees/ Tree Warden; Kelley Conway, Town Engineer; Antonio Fernandes, Civil Engineer, Joe Giuliano, Civil Engineer, David Peterson, Working Foreman.

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**Public Attendance:**

Attendee	Address	Contact # or Email
Elizabeth Szymanski	9 Purcell Dr/Tufts Ln	978-376-2174
Stephen Correia	8 Purcell Dr	978-221-4085
Lynn Walsh	138 Treble Cove Rd	978-808-0403
Crysta Menezes	148 Treble Cove Rd	978-663-9779
Martha Menezes	148 Treble Cove Rd	978-663-9779
Kevin Menezes	148 Treble Cove Rd	978-423-5497
Martha McConnell	5 Stag Dr	978-436-1391
Richard & Jake Infantino	144 Treble Cove Rd	978-221-0969
John Biagiotti	198 Treble Cove Rd	978-852-3890
Bob Accomando	134 Treble Cove Rd	617-694-7305
Patricia Ann Higgins	15 Garden Brook Rd	978-407-4233
Kathy Matheson	17 Garden Brook Rd	978-729-2473
Andrea Matheson	33 William Rd	978-407-4577
David Kinsella	1 Urban St	978-663-2294

**Call to Order:** Michael Haines, the Superintendent of Parks & Trees and Tree Warden opened the public hearing at **10:00AM** a.m. and read a portion of the hearing notice: Pursuant to MGL c. 87, §3 & §4 to consider removal of approximately 30 posted and/or tagged public shade trees (including trees in cluster form) of various species and diameter along the following streets: Baldwin Road, Chelmsford Road, Country Lane, Friendship Street, Ingersoll Road, Lake Street, Lexington Road, Peace Street, Plenty Street, South Street, Treble Cove Road, and Tufts Lane. The reason for this work is to accommodate roadway reconstruction projects.

**Public comment:**

**Objections:**

**Kevin Menezes of 188 Treble Cove Rd commented that the Town agreed to save the tree.**

**Andrea Matheson of 33 William Rd had no particular concern.**

**Kathy Matheson of 17 Garden Brook Rd had nothing specific of concern.**

**Patricia Ann Higgins of 15 Garden Brook Rd also had nothing specific.**

**Stephen Correia of 8 Purcell Dr doesn't want any trees taken down but asked specifically about Tag ID#'s 28 – 29 (2 Tufts Ln) and #30 (6 Tufts Ln) to be left standing. Also, he asked to not prune any of the overhanging branches.**

**Lynn Walsh of 138 Treble Cove Rd is OK with the list. She would like to add the big tree at the end of her driveway along with the dead Pine tree nearby to the list.**

**Crysta Menezes and Martha Menezes of 148 Treble Cove Rd had no specific concerns.**

**Martha McConnell of 5 Stag Dr had no specific tree of concern, but stated she would like to preserve the trees especially the stately trees from Boston Rd. Also, asked for a Long Range Master Plan w/Global Warming over the development of the town.**

**Richard Infertino at 144 Treble Cove Rd had no objection to the list but said most of his trees are in the front of his house. He would like to see them preserved except for the dead one.**

**Elizabeth Szymanski of 9 Purcell Dr/Tufts Ln asked that the Town preserve the two other trees that remain (after a tree was removed prior to Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>). These are the only shade trees on the street. She also remarked that last year when new gas lines were installed the street was dug up and nothing**

**happened to the trees. Her last request was to not cut any limbs off the trees at 8 and 9 Purcell Dr.**

**On Feb. 17, 2023 a letter was submitted to the town from Mr. James Fritscher of 74 Lexington Rd. He objects to the removal of the oak tree (#13 on list) at 86 Lexington Rd. He asks that we find a way to work with the trees some of which have been here for many years.**

Attached is the list of Public Shade Trees referenced.

Public hearing closed at **10:59AM**

*Michael Haines, Tree Warden*