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TREE WARDEN HEARING

JULY 27, 2018

Present: David Hall, Tree Warden; Gail Henderson-King, Ann Milovsoroff, Hope Johnson, Dean Pierce, Ann Janda, Diana Vachon, Lee Krohn, and Maddie Hughes.

The duly warned public hearing was called to order at 8:05 A.M. in the Shelburne Town Offices.

Tree Warden David Hall introduced the hearing, explaining that it was being held to consider tree removal at the Library/Town Center project on the municipal campus. These include:

Five ash trees along the driveway entrance into the property. The driveway reconfiguration will bring both pavement and construction work too close to the trees and root zones, which will adversely affect the trees and their ability to withstand Emerald Ash Borer infestation, so better to remove them now and replace them with new trees as part of the construction project.

Four ash trees on the south side of the Fire Station, to be removed to provide parking needed for Fire Department members as part of the overall reconfiguration of the site and parking layout. These are not in the best of health as they exist, due to limited soil volume and proximity to the building.

The redbud by the current Library entrance: it was hoped to dig out and save this tree, but due to an underground power line right under the tree, it cannot be dug out safely and must be removed.

The Norway maple at the southwest corner of the building: it is directly within the construction zone and new building, and is also considered an invasive species, and thus, must be removed.

A locust tree on the site, which as with the maple, is within the construction zone and must be removed.

Two blue spruce trees on the north side of the building which have never thrived; the nearby spruces on this side that were much larger were blown down in the severe May 4 windstorm. This area is also slated for new outdoor space and landscaping, and thus, these trees must be removed.

Questions were raised about the landscaping plan itself; it was explained that this hearing was only to consider tree removal, and that the landscaping plan and other site plan matters had already been reviewed at great length and approved through the DRB process.

With no further questions, the Tree Warden granted approval for tree removal at this public property project site, and the hearing was closed and adjourned at 8:16 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn, Interim Town Manager