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**DECISION**

13-02

**Scenic Road Hearing**

Public Shade Tree Removal and Stone Wall Relocation – High Street

February 26, 2013

Decision of the Acton Planning Board (hereinafter the Board) on the proposed removal of eight public shade trees and the relocation of approximately 275 feet of stone wall on High Street near Audubon Drive, a scenic road under Chapter J of the Bylaws of the Town of Acton.

The Board and the Tree Warden held a duly advertised joint public hearing on February 26, 2013. Board members Ryan Bettez (Chairman), Jeff Clymer (Vice Chair), Roland Bourdon, Kimberly Montella, Derrick Chin, Ray Yacouby and Associate Member Michael Dube were present. Also present was the Acton Tree Warden, Dean Charter and the Town Engineer/Director of Public Works, Corey York. The minutes of the hearing and submissions on which this decision is based upon may be viewed in the Planning Department or the Town Clerk's office at the Acton Town Hall.

**1 EXHIBITS**

Submitted for the Board's deliberation were the following exhibits:

- 1.1 Legal notice;
- 1.2 Request from Town Engineer/Director of Public Works, Corey York for a scenic road hearing for High Street at the intersection with Audubon Drive, dated 10/22/12.

**2 FINDINGS and CONCLUSIONS**

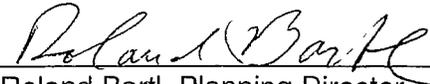
Based upon its review of the exhibits and the record of the proceedings the Board finds and concludes that:

- 2.1 The subject trees proposed for removal are: 32" DBH Oak, 19" DBH Oak, 23" DBH Oak, 14" DBH Hickory, 6" DBH Black Birch, 4" DBH Hickory, 12" DBH Oak and a 28" DBH Hickory.
- 2.2 Approximately 275 feet of the existing stone wall will be relocated along the southeasterly corner of the intersection.
- 2.3 The proposed work at the intersection will improve sight distance for motorists stopped on Audubon Drive and turning onto High Street.

**3 BOARD ACTION**

The Board hereby consents to the removal of the subject trees and section of stone wall.

Signed on behalf of the Acton Planning Board

  
Roland Bartl, Planning Director

Copies Submitted:

Planning Department  
Tree Warden  
Town Clerk

Town Manager  
Town Administrator