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**DECISION**

13-03

**Scenic Road Hearing**

Public Shade Tree Removal – Pope Road

February 26, 2013

Decision of the Acton Planning Board (hereinafter the Board) on the proposed removal of one public shade tree located on Pope Road near Strawberry Hill Road, 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 Pope Road near Strawberry Hill Road, dated 01/09/13.

**2 FINDINGS and CONCLUSIONS**

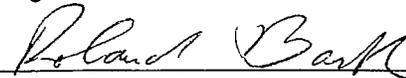
Based upon its review of the exhibits and the record of the proceedings the Board finds and concludes that:

- 2.1 The tree proposed for removal is a 36" DBH multi-stem Oak located on Pope Road at the intersection of Strawberry Hill Road.
- 2.2 The proposed work at the intersection will improve the sight line along Pope Road for the Strawberry Hill Road westbound approach.

**3 BOARD ACTION**

The Board hereby consents to the removal of the subject tree.

Signed on behalf of the Acton Planning Board

  
Roland Bartl, Planning Director

Copies furnished:  
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Derrick Chin                      Michael Montella  
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