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DECISION

13-06

Scenic Road Hearing

Public Shade Tree Removal – Pope Road

October 1, 2013

Decision of the Acton Planning Board (hereinafter the Board) on the proposed removal of one public shade tree located on Pope Road near Bayberry 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 October 1, 2013. Board members Jeff Clymer (Chair), Roland Bourdon, Derrick Chin, and Ray Yacouby were present. Also present was the Acton Tree Warden, Dean Charter and the Assistant Town Engineer, Paul Campbell. 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 Letter from Detective and Safety Officer, Christopher N. Prehl, dated 08/13/13;
- 1.3 Neighborhood Petition submitted by Ann-Marie and William Hanley, dated 08/07/13.

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 on Pope Road is a 34" DBH Oak located on Pope Road at Bayberry Road.
- 2.2 The proposed tree removal at the intersection will improve the sight line along Pope Road from the Bayberry Road 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:

Engineering Department
Tree Warden
Town Clerk

Town Manager
Historical Commission