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DECISION

14-01

Scenic Road Hearing

Public Shade Tree Removal – Taylor Road

March 18, 2014

Decision of the Acton Planning Board (hereinafter the Board) on the proposed removal of two public shade trees located on Taylor 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 March 18, 2014. Board members Jeff Clymer (Chair), Roland Bourdon, Rob Bukowski, Michael Dube, Derrick Chin, and Ray Yacouby were present. Also present was the Acton Tree Warden, Dean Charter. 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 Email and photographs from Town of Acton Tree Warden, Dean Charter, dated 01/13/14;
- 1.3 Email from Chief of Police, Frank J. Widmayer, Acton Police Department, dated 01/13/14;
- 1.4 Email from Fire Chief, Patrick J. Futterer dated 01/14/14;
- 1.5 Email from Officer Jon Stackhouse, Acton Police Department dated 01/15/14;
- 1.6 Memo submitted by resident Robert Hendrie, 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 trees proposed for removal on Taylor Road are a 33" DBH Oak and 27" DBH Oak located near 87 Taylor Road.
- 2.2 Robert Hendrie of 89 Taylor Road objected to the proposed tree removal request.
- 2.3 The two trees constitute a hazard to traffic and impinge upon the roadway width.

3 BOARD ACTION

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

Signed on behalf of the Acton Planning Board

Roland Bartl, Planning Director

Copies furnished:

Engineering Department
Tree Warden
Town Clerk

Town Manager
Historical Commission