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**PLANNING BOARD**

**DECISION OF THE PLANNING BOARD  
SCENIC ROAD APPROVAL**

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**APPLICANT:** Brendan Ryan, Tree Warden / Highway and Grounds Superintendent  
Jeffrey Bina, Acting Tree Warden / Town Engineer  
Westwood Department of Public Works

**PROPERTY OWNERS:** Town of Westwood

**PROPERTY LOCUS:** East Street adjacent to Morrison Park near 300 Washington Street

**BACKGROUND AND PROJECT SUMMARY**

The Applicant requested five (5) trees within the East Street public right-of-way are removed for the alteration and construction of a temporary fire station at the Department of Public Works equipment shed at 300 Washington Street.

**APPLICATION AND PLANS**

At the Planning Board's meeting on April 14, 2015, the Board evaluated the requested tree removal and public hearing notice filed with the Town Clerk on April 1, 2015, and the following related submissions:

1. Five (5) photographs of trees within the East Street right-of-way near the Morrison Park at 300 Washington Street.
2. Electronic mail from Brendan Ryan, Operations Manager, Westwood Department of Public Works, dated April 10, 2015.
3. Letter from Christine McCarthy appointing Jeffrey Bina as the Acting Tree Warden, dated March 26, 2015.

## STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

After having reviewed all the materials filed by the Applicant and their representatives, and having considered all correspondence, testimony, and materials submitted, the Westwood Planning Board makes the following findings:

1. The Applicant requested permission to remove several trees, five (5) of which are within the public right-of-way to allow for the fire truck turning radius and expanded pavement for the temporary fire station at the location of the existing Department of Public Works equipment shed, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, §15C (the "Scenic Road Act"), and M.G.L. Chapter 87, §3 (the "Public Shade Tree Act"), and the Rules and Regulations of the Town of Westwood Planning Board as Permit Granting Authority Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C ("Scenic Roads Rules and Regulations").
2. Planning Board approval, pursuant to the Scenic Road Act, and the Scenic Road Rules and Regulations, is required for the removal of any tree within the public right-of-way on a designated scenic road.
3. East Street is listed as a Scenic Road in the Scenic Roads Rules and Regulations.
4. Pursuant to the Scenic Road Act and the applicable provisions of the Scenic Roads Rules and regulations, the Planning Board gave notice of the public hearing published in the Boston Globe on March 30 and April 6, 2015. Notice of the public hearing was posted in the Westwood Town Hall and the Carby Street Municipal Building on April 1, 2015. Said notice of the public hearing was mailed to all Parties in Interest as defined in the Scenic Road Act and the Scenic Road Rules and Regulations on April 2, 2015.
5. After notice as provided as described above, the public hearing on the Application was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in the Champagne Meeting Room at the Carby Street Municipal Office Building, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, Massachusetts.
6. Westwood Planning Board members John J. Wiggin, Steven H. Olanoff, Christopher A. Pfaff, Steven M. Rafsky, and Bruce H. Montgomery were present for the public hearing and deliberated on the matter in the course of that public hearing.
7. No property owners, members or the public, or other interested parties expressed opposition to the removal of the trees.
8. The Planning Board considered the application in accordance with section 10 of the Scenic Roads Rules and Regulations, and determined that the five (5) trees should be removed in the interest of public safety, and that the removal of the trees will not have an adverse impact on the Scenic Road or surrounding area.

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**DECISION**

The Planning Board evaluated the Application in relation to the above Findings, and by a vote of five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed, hereby **grants approval** for the removal of five (5) trees within the East Street public right-of-way near 300 Washington Street near Morrison Park, in accordance with the Scenic Road Act and the Scenic Road Rules and Regulations without any conditions.

**RECORD OF THE VOTE**

The following members of the Planning Board voted to grant a Scenic Road Approval for the abovementioned project: John J. Wiggin, Steven H. Olanoff, Christopher A. Pfaff, Steven M. Rafsky, and Bruce H. Montgomery.

The following members of the Planning Board voted in opposition to a Scenic Road Approval for the above mentioned project: None.

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April 27, 2015