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**PLANNING BOARD**

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

**APPLICANT:** Brendan Ryan, Tree Warden / Highway and Grounds Superintendent  
Westwood Department of Public Works  
50 Carby Street  
Westwood, MA 02090

**PROPERTY OWNERS:** Town of Westwood  
580 High Street  
Westwood, MA 02090

**PROPERTY LOCUS:** Sandy Valley Road Right-of-Way, 447, 461 & 506 Sandy Valley Road

**BACKGROUND AND PROJECT SUMMARY**

The Applicant requested the removal of five dead and diseased trees within the Sandy Valley public right-of-way in front of 447 and 461 Sandy Valley Road and one dead tree across from 506 Sandy Valley Road.

**APPLICATION AND PLANS**

At the Planning Board's meeting on February 9, 2016, the Board evaluated the requested tree removal and public hearing notice filed with the office of the Planning Board on January 13, 2016 with the following related submissions:

1. Two separate applications for Scenic Road public hearings for tree removal at 447 and 461 Sandy Valley Road, and 506 Sandy Valley Road, prepared by Brendan Ryan, Westwood Tree Warden, dated January 13, 2016.
2. Photographs of subject trees to be removed within the right-of-way near 447, 461 and 506 Sandy Valley Road.
3. Letter from George Markarian, MCA to Brendan Ryan, RE: Sandy Valley Road, dated January 12, 2016.

**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 one (1) dead tree across from 506 Sandy Valley Road, which is within the public right-of-way to Sandy Valley Road and five (5) dead or dying trees in the Sandy Valley Road right-of-way near 447 and 461 Sandy Valley Road, 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. Sandy Valley Road is a designated Scenic Roads in the Town of Westwood. A permit for project tree removal is required pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C and the Planning Board’s 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 *Westwood Press* on January 22, 2016 and January 29, 2016. Notice of the public hearing was posted in the Westwood Town Hall and the Carby Street Municipal Building on January 15, 2016. 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 January 20, 2016.
5. After notice as provided as described above, the public hearing on the Application was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 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, Trevor Laubenstein, 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 at the public hearing.
8. The Planning Board considered the application in accordance with Section 10 of the Scenic Roads Rules and Regulations, and determined that the six (6) 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.

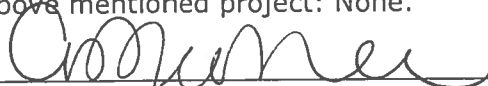
### DECISION


The Planning Board evaluated the Applications 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 six (6) trees within the Sandy Valley Road public right-of-way near 447, 461 and 506 Sandy Valley Road, 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, Trevor Laubenstein, 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.

  
Abigail McCabe, Town Planner

  
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