

Narrative for: Lynnfield Public Tree Removal Application

Project site: 1452 Main Street

Owner: Essex County Greenbelt Association

Applicant: Essex County Greenbelt Association

Submitted to: Lynnfield Planning Board

Date: May 31, 2023

The Essex County Greenbelt Association (Greenbelt) is a 501c3 land trust with offices in Essex, MA. Our mission is to protect land of scenic, ecological, and agricultural importance throughout Essex County. In 2021, Greenbelt acquired the 20-acre Lynnfield Woodlots located along Main Street in Lynnfield. This conservation project was completed with support from the town of Lynnfield, resulting in a Conservation Restriction held by the Town. The property was acquired for the purposes of protecting watershed resources and wildlife habitat, and to create public access for passive recreation. The conservation restriction held by Lynnfield allows Greenbelt to construct a 6-vehicle parking area.

Greenbelt is seeking permission from the town of Lynnfield to remove approximately 18 trees associated with the public way known as Main Street. The breakdown of tree species is roughly 10 white pine and 8 red oak. They varied in size between 6-24 inch DBH. The reason for the approximate number is the exact location of the public way boundary.

The purpose of requesting tree removal from a public way in Lynnfield is to allow the construction of a six-vehicle public access parking area as shown on the attached plan titled: "DRAFT - Parking Area and Visitor Access, Lynnfield Woods dated 4/18/2023 prepared by D. C. MacRitchie, LLC". In order to achieve sufficient grades to allow for compliant sight lines for safe public access and egress, tree removal and grading is required within the public way and on the Greenbelt land.

Greenbelt would contract with a professional tree service to complete the tree removal. All the wood would be removed from the site, except for some wood chips that would be used to stabilize trails. All stumps and excavated soils will be removed from the site as by a professional land excavation contractor.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Tree Warden - John Tomasz
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*Complete and return to the DPW Office at Town Hall, 55 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA, 01940

Property Owner: Essex County Greenbelt Association Date: 5-17-2023

Property Address: 1452 Main Street, Lynnfield

Phone Number: 978-768-7241 X114

Email Address: dwr@ecga.org

Reason for Request: tree removal in public way to create public access entrance

Location of Tree: ***Please provide a map or sketch of the tree(s) location and landmarks around it***
see attached plan and narrative

Species: _____

Tree Size: Diameter: _____ Approx. height: _____

1. I am/We are the record owner(s) of the property referenced above.
2. I am/We are requesting that the Tree Warden grant permission to remove a Public Shade Tree owned by the Town of Lynnfield and located adjacent to my/our property.
3. I/We understand that per M.G.L. Chapter 87 the Tree Warden is required to conduct a public hearing. If at or before the public hearing the Tree Warden receives written objection, the removal of the tree shall be denied.
4. I/We understand that all costs of tree removal and replacement shall be borne by the applicant.

Property Owner Signature: David W. Rimmer Date: 5-17-2023

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****To be completed by the Tree Warden****: The request to prune/remove the public tree(s) indicated above has been:

- APPROVED - The following conditions shall apply: _____
- DENIED - Reason for denial: _____

Tree Warden Signature: _____ Date: _____