



## TOWN OF ARLINGTON

Department of Public Works  
Office of Tree Warden  
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### LEGAL NOTICE TREE HEARING Town of Arlington, MA Natural Resources Division

In accordance with Chapter 87 of the Massachusetts General Laws, a Public Shade Tree Hearing will be held virtually using Zoom:

Place:

[In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20](#) relating to the COVID-19 emergency, on April 12, 2022 a Public Shade Tree Hearing for the resident at 261 Hillside Ave shall be held, but physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The meeting shall instead be held virtually using Zoom.

Topic: Public Shade Tree Hearing

Time: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 10:00AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

***Register for Zoom Meeting***

<https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/j/87993279590>

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to send written comment regarding any of the hearings listed below to the Tree Warden; Tim Lecuire at [tlecuire@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:tlecuire@town.arlington.ma.us).

Please read Governor Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provision of Open Meeting Law for more information regarding virtual public hearings and meetings: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

The hearing is to consider the proposed removal of:

**Honey Locust 18" (DBH) tree is located on the George Street side, by request of the resident to install and construct new driveway..**

The tree identified has been posted for public inspection. Interested parties are encouraged to attend. Any person objecting to the removal of this tree may attend the hearing or appeal in writing prior to the hearing. Letters should be addressed to:

Arlington Town Tree Warden, 23 Maple Street, Arlington, MA 02476

## Tree Hearing 2022

Mr. Robert Gainfort

261 Hillside Ave

Removal of 18 " DBH Honey Locust, located on the George Street side "to install driveway"

4/12/22

10:00am

Via Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Mrs. Eileen Gainfort

Time: 10:00-10:20

Mrs. Eileen Gainfort pled her case for removal of the Honey Locust to install a curb cut to expand the driveway . She also explained that the seed pods are difficult to manage and caused flooding issues to the basement .

The Tree Warden received five letters objecting the tree removal. Letters were sent by Eliza Burden: ATC Member Co. Chair. Steve More: ATC Member. Jo Anne Preston. Beth Melofchik. Lynette Culerhouse. Each letter expressed concern for tree canopy and benefits trees offer.

Due to the objection letters the tree is not permitted to be removed at this time.



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April 12, 2022

Robert and Eileen Gainfort  
261 Hillside Ave  
Arlington, MA. 02476

### **RE: Notice of Denial for Tree Removal**

Dear Mrs. Gainfort,

Based on the letters provided at the hearing and the health of the tree, your request to remove the Honey Locust measuring 18" (DBH) 'Diameter at Breast Height' at the property of 261 Hillside Ave located on the George Street side is denied.

- Shade Trees growing in the Public Right of Way are protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87
- Massachusetts General Laws Section 4; you may appeal the denial of removal to the Board of Select

Sincerely,

Timothy Lecuivre MCA, MQTW  
Arlington Tree Warden