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Subject: RE: 261 Hillside Ave Tree Hearing

Hello Select Board,

Good morning.

I am sending this email to object in the removal of the 18" (DBH) Honey Locust located at 261 Hillside Ave located on the George Street side.

Arlington is celebrating it's 20th year as a Tree City USA community. Also, the Town has received it's 4th consecutive Growth Award which is awarded to communities that go above and beyond the Tree City USA standards. Removing mature native Public Shade Trees which are public assets to expand driveways is not advantageous for Arlington.

I have been working with all Town Departments, the Arlington Tree Committee, utility companies, contactors, builders, residents, and homeowners of the importance of Shade Trees. I have spent over 6 years educating folks as Arlington's Tree Warden on how to work with, and work around trees during all types of projects, continuing to preserve Arlington's Urban Forest.

According to the National Tree Benefit Calculator this 18" (DBH) Honey Locust provides the following this year and will increase these benefits moving forward.

Conserves 158 Kilowatt hours of electricity.
Intercepts 2,673 gallons of storm water.
Sequesters 687 pounds of carbon.

The driveway at 261 Hillside is approximately 12 feet wide. The Town will only allow a 20 foot curb cut. There is more than enough room to expand the driveway it the opposite direction of the Honey Locust.

The Town's Tree Bylaw 'Article 16' was past in Town Meeting 2016, then through the Attorney's General Office, and implemented January 2017. Now builders, contractors, architects, and engineers are changing their building plans to work with and work around trees.

Approving the tree removal to expand a driveway will set the wrong president to all in Town, and will setback years of hard work educating folks on how to work with and work around trees.

The Select Board has appointed me as Arlington's Tree Warden Spring 2016 which I take very seriously. One of my many duties as Tree Warden is to protect Public Shade Trees. We can have functioning driveways, parking areas, and trees too. It doesn't have to be one or the other, we can have both.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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