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Subject: [SBadm] Please protect the public shade trees

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Dear Select Board:

As a resident of the Town of Arlington and an environmental professional, I request the Select Board does what it is empowered to do by chapter 87 of The Massachusetts Laws and protect public shade trees, including the one requested to be removed by a private residence at 261 Hillside. The town needs to be proactive in protecting the public resource that the public shade trees represent. Removal of a public resource for the benefit of one property owner is not appropriate. We need trees now more than ever for all the benefits they provide with shade, carbon sequestration, evaporative cooling during the summer months and wildlife habitat. Allowing the removal of this tree would set a dangerous precedent. This tree is healthy and mature and needs to stay for the benefit of all the residents of Arlington.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and doing the right thing for all the residents of this town.

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