

Docket #3880

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To ZBA <ZBA@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear ZBA:

I am writing with respect to Boston Gas's proposed removal of ~16,000sqft of trees, including a number of trees that evidently require the ZBA's permit to remove.

If I understand the planned construction, the idea is to replace and augment the function of the existing Boston Gas structures in the adjoining lot.

I am not writing to urge either approval or disapproval of the plan, but to ask the ZBA to consider requiring that the existing buildings and the land they're on, after completion of the new facility, be replanted with trees of the highest ecological value and suitability to the property's location.

I think that making such replanting a condition of granting the permit might ease the concerns of those who are actively opposed to the plan, and hearten tree-loving residents who are either ambivalent or in favor of the plan.

Thank you,
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