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**NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF THE TREE WARDEN  
REGARDING TWENTY-NINE (29) TREES  
POSTED FOR REMOVAL  
AT**

**OVAL AVENUE (RIVERSIDE TRAIN STATION), SOUND SHORE DRIVE (COS COB PARK), ARCH  
STREET AND SUMMIT ROAD AND SOUND BEACH AVENUE (OLD GREENWICH TRAIN STATION)**

As required by Chapter 451, Section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a public hearing was called as there were appeals objecting to the removal of the (29) twenty nine trees were received within ten (10) days of the tree postings. A Virtual Public Hearing was held on Wednesday May 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for trees posted for removal at Oval Avenue (Riverside Train Station), Sound Shore Drive (Cos Cob Park), Arch Street and Summit Road and Sound Beach Avenue (Old Greenwich Train Station). The request was made by Eversource Energy. The tree locations, numbers, species, and Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) measured in inches requested for removal are as follows:

**OVAL AVENUE (RIVERSIDE TRAIN STATION)**

- Four (4) Arborviteas (*Thuja occidentalis*) DBH of 12, 12, 12, and 8 inches.
- Seven (7) Norway Maples (*Acer plantanoides*) DBH of 24, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 15 inches
- Three (3) Callery Pears (*Pyrus calleryana*) DBH of 24, 20, 20 inches
- One (1) Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) DBH of 6 inches
- One (1) Japanese Falsecypress (Cedar), (*Chamaecyparis pisifera*) DBH of 22 inches
- Two (2) Flowering Cherry Plums (*Prunus cerasifera*) DBH of 4, 4 inches
- Two (2) Black Cherries (*Prunus serotina*) DBH 12, 12 inches
- One (1) Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*) DBH 20 inches

**SOUND SHORE DRIVE (COS COB PARK)**

- Five (5) Oak Trees consisting of four (4) Red Oaks (*Quercus rubra*) and one (1) White Oak (*Quercus alba*) DBH of 6,6,6,6,6 inches

**ARCH STREET AND SUMMIT ROAD**

- One (1) Western Cedar (*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*) DBH of 8 inches

**SOUND BEACH AVENUE (OLD GREENWICH TRAIN STATION)**

- Two (2) Japanese Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*) DBH of 4, 4, inches

On the day of the hearing, Kathy Ferrier, Transmission Vegetation Manager for Eversource Energy presented the utilities reasons as to the 29 trees needing to be removed. It was stated that all vegetation needed to have a 25 foot clearance from the transmission lines and any new vegetation could not exceed 15 ft. in height. Existing listed vegetation is currently in one of three conditions; being pruned cyclically away from wires, physiologically improbable to grow large enough to reach any high wires or is much too young at this stage of structural development to cause any service disruptions.

After careful consideration and having listened objectively to the facts and opinions presented by all parties, I have ruled in the following manner on the posted trees listed above  
It is my decision and having concluded that all of listed trees **shall remain with the exception of:**

### **ARCH STREET AND SUMMIT ROAD**

- One (1) Western Cedar (*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*) DBH of 8 inches

### **OVAL AVENUE (RIVERSIDE TRAIN STATION)**

Norway Maples (*Acer plantanoides*) DBH of 15 inches

Removal of such trees will only be granted upon submission of a landscape plan which includes replacement tree species that is to be reviewed and approved by the Tree Warden.

I welcome the continued collaboration of working with Eversource Utilities as the time necessitates the proper pruning of trees near distribution wires.

This is the final decision of the Tree Warden of the Town of Greenwich. Let it be known that Chapter 451, *Section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes states "the Tree Warden shall render his/her decision granting or denying the application, and the party aggrieved by such decision may, within ten days, appeal therefrom to the superior court or the judicial district within which such town or borough is located."*

This decision will be posted in the lobby of the offices of the Parks and Recreation Department located on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall, the lobby of Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office, and the Town of Greenwich website [www.greenwichct.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.greenwichct.gov/AgendaCenter) Parks & Recreation - Public Tree Hearing. It will also be sent to persons present at the Public Hearing and to those who appealed the posting of these trees for removal.

As your Tree Warden, by Connecticut statute, I am charged with the "care and control" of all town-owned trees. The Tree Division doesn't take this responsibility lightly. Each and every tree slated for removal is inspected and decided on a case-by-case basis.



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