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**NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF THE TREE WARDEN
REGARDING ONE (1) TREE
POSTED FOR REMOVAL
AT
235 GREENWICH AVENUE**

A Virtual Public Hearing was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 12:00pm for a tree posted for removal on February 8, 2021 at 235 Greenwich Avenue. As required by Chapter 451, Section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a public hearing was conducted as of a result of appeals objecting to the removal of the tree that were received within ten (10) days of the posting.

After careful consideration and having listened objectively to the facts and opinions presented by all parties, I have ruled in the following manner:

It is my decision and have concluded that the one (1) pin oak (*Quercus palustris*) consisting of a Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of sixteen (16) inches is **approved for removal**.

However, removal will only be granted to the Department of Public Works with the agreement that in conjunction with the construction improvements at the intersection of Greenwich Avenue and Elm Street that seven (7) new trees are to be planted on Greenwich Avenue or in close proximity (e.g. intersections to Greenwich Avenue). Of the seven (7) trees required to be planted, 5 (five) will be planted into newly created tree wells at locations to be determined and two (2) trees will be planted into the newly created planting beds at the intersection of Greenwich Avenue and Elm Street. All seven (7) trees are to be no less than three inch (3") in caliper and the species will be willow oak (*Quercus phellos*). The new tree well locations will need to be cited, approved and within accordance to the Town of Greenwich Tree Policy <https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/176/Public-Tree-Policy-PDF> before the pin oak is to be removed.

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 <https://www.greenwichct.gov/AgendaCenter/Parks-RecreationPublic-Tree-Hearings-2> - 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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