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**NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF THE TREE WARDEN
REGARDING FIVE (5) TREES
POSTED FOR REMOVAL
AT**

**28 HASSAKE ROAD
12 MORGAN AVENUE
15 SUNSHINE AVENUE
19 SUNSHINE AVENUE**

A Virtual Public Hearing was held on Thursday May 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. for the following trees posted for removal: 28 Hassake Road, 12 Morgan Avenue, 15 Sunshine Avenue and two trees at 19 Sunshine Avenue. As required by Chapter 451, Section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a public hearing was called because of numerous appeals objecting to the removal of these trees were received within ten (10) days of their posting.

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 and referenced again below:

It is my decision and have concluded that the 28-inch trunk diameter red maple (*Acer rubrum*) residing at 28 Hassake Road **NOT TO BE REMOVED**. The contractor should use the existing curb cut as the driveway access point leading to the residence.

It is my decision and have concluded that the 12-inch trunk diameter Japanese lilac tree (*Syringa reticulata*) residing at 12 Morgan Avenue has been **APPROVED FOR REMOVAL**. However, removal will only be granted with the agreement that the contractor will provide three (3) new 2-inch caliper native tree species. One (1) tree will be planted back at 12 Morgan Avenue, and the other two (2) trees at the discretion of the Tree Warden along on Morgan Avenue.

It is my decision and have concluded that the 50-inch trunk diameter white oak (*Quercus alba*) residing at 15 Sunshine Avenue **NOT TO BE REMOVED**.

However, I suggest that collectively the Town of Greenwich Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation Department/Tree Division, landscape architects, and experts in the field of tree preservation and landscape restoration continue the conversation and develop plans that will meet the needs of preserving the White Oak in a healthy and sustainable manner, while meeting the ADA needs of the community.

It is my decision that the two (2) red maples (*Acer rubrum*) of 26-inch-trunk diameter and of 24-inch trunk diameter residing at the address of 19 Sunshine Avenue **NOT TO BE REMOVED** as new sidewalk and curbing has already been installed.

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 & 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 does not 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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