As required by Chapter 451, Section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a public hearing was scheduled as an appeal objecting to the removal of (1) one tree was received within allotted ten (10) days of the tree posting. A Virtual Public Hearing was held on Thursday July 7, 2022 at 1 p.m. for the one tree posted for removal on June 10, 2022 at 45 Glenville Road, Eagle Hill School. The removal request was made by the by the Eagle Hill School Administration and was represented by the architect landscape firm; Wesley Stout Associates. Tree species, and Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) measured in inches requested for removal are as follows:

- One (1) Fir (Abies sp.) (DBH) of twenty inches (22")

On the day of the tree hearing, Mr. Thomas Cross from Wesley Stout Associates presented the reasons for the tree removal request and answered questions related to having the tree removed. In addition, Mr. Tom Lasley, Business Manager for Eagle Hill School and Mr. Gary Norman, a certified arborist for Almstead tree, Scrub and Lawn Care spoke in support of the fir tree’s removal.

Having closely listed to the explanations as to why the Fir tree will need to be removed and understanding the process by which Eagle Hill School is looking to address sightlines and raise a more prominent public presence. As the Tree Warden, it is my decision and have concluded that the fir tree is approved for removal with conditions.

- Three (3) new trees (species to be determined by the Tree Warden) of no less than 2” caliper will be purchased and planted back on Town of Greenwich property by Eagle Hill School.
- In addition, as there are ten (10) Rhododendron maximum (Great Laurel) shrubs also being removed, these shrubs are to be removed and transplanted.
- The locations for the Rhododendron, and the three (3) new trees will be determined by the Tree Warden.

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 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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Dr. Gregory Kramer
Superintendent of Parks and Trees and Tree Warden
Town of Greenwich - Department of Parks and Recreation