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**NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF THE TREE WARDEN
REGARDING 1- 15" DBH (DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT) LONDON PLANE TREE
POSTED FOR REMOVAL
AT**

62 MASON STREET

A Public Hearing was held on Thursday August 29, 2019, at 12:00 pm for one 15" (DBH) London Plane posted for removal at 62 Mason Street. As required by Chapter 451, Section 23-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a public hearing was called as the result of an appeal objecting to the removal of this tree was received within ten (10) days of the posting.

The Letter of objection was read into the record. Comments were made by participants objecting to the removal. Proposed plans for a new building and entrance were presented by the Developer Albert Orlando.

It is my decision to ALLOW the removal of the one (1) posted London Plane Tree. The Tree Shall be removed by the property owner at their expense. As part of my decision The property owner Albert Orlando/Battle Hill Corp. shall plant five 3" (DBH) shade trees in areas approved by the Tree Warden along Mason street before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. A permit to remove and replant will be issued by the Tree Warden. The planting shall occur in the spring of 2020. Additionally, it was stated for the record that the landowner will take all of the reasonable provisions to protect the Magnolia tree located in front of the property during construction. A permit to remove and replant will be issued 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 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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