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NOTICE OF DECISION- Tree Warden

On Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM, a public hearing was held in the Nicholas J. DiCorleto Jr. Meeting Hall at the Ellington Town Hall. The in-person public hearing was held pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 23-59 regarding the planned removal of trees on the premises of the Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street, Ellington. The entirety of the premises is within the town of Ellington upon town-owned property which is under the jurisdiction of the Ellington Tree Warden.

Trees scheduled for removal were properly posted with public notices pursuant to statute. A public hearing before the tree warden was scheduled and properly noticed after receipt of an objection to the removal of such trees was received by the tree warden on January 10, 2023.

After consideration of the public comments offered at the hearing, the tree warden renders the following decision. The application is denied.

The trees that are scheduled for removal as part of the library parking lot expansion, sidewalk installation and seating area construction **will be removed** as shown in the construction plans. Additionally, the trees, shrubs and other plantings that are scheduled to be planted **will be planted** as shown in the construction plans.

Upon completion of the designed project, the Ellington Department of Public Works will work in collaboration with the First Selectwoman and consider planting three (3) to five (5) native species of trees within the location of the removed trees and/or the property boundaries. The trees selected will be in addition to the scheduled plantings and not part of the construction project. Should the Town make a decision to plant such native species of trees, no time frame has yet been established for such additional plantings.

This decision may be appealed to the Connecticut Superior Court in the judicial district of Tolland (Rockville) no later than ten (10) days after the date of this decision. (*See CGS 23-59*)

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Modzelewski
Tree Warden / Hearing Officer