



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE
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MAYOR

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On January 16, 2020, Somerville's Urban Forestry Committee discussed the Public Tree Hearing to be held on January 27, 2020. The discussion took place during a regular meeting of the committee. The topic was advertised as agenda item number 4f. A quorum of committee members was present for the entire discussion. Following discussion, a motion, a second, and approval by unanimous consensus of all members present, the Committee adopted the following recommendations:

Regarding the 12 trees at 10 and 20 Inner Belt road to be removed for hotel and residential development:

- *That the City should work with the developer to explore the possibility of retaining the two green ash trees, as these are mature instances of a desirable and rare species.*
- *That the City asks the developer to use native species for the replacement trees to be planted, and that they work with city staff to perform the plantings in an ecologically sensitive manner.*

Regarding the Colorado Blue Spruce at 19 Highland Road:

- *That the City request that Eversource relocate or adjust the power lines rather than removing this mature, ecologically valuable tree.*

Regarding the Siberian Elm at 14/16 Dresden Circle:

- *That, instead of removal, the City should monitor the health of this tree and consider treatment options in the event that an infestation is verified.*

Members of the committee would be pleased to be provide additional information and support for these recommendations, on request.

Sincerely,

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