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Tree Hearing Room 110 Town Hall March 7, 2023

Attendance

1. Michael Haines, Superintendent Parks and Tree, Tree Warden
2. Ben Kowal, Arborist, National Grid Forestry
3. Larry Trombly, Nelson Tree Service
4. Luke Fiske, Sr. Supervisor National Grid Forestry
5. Theresa English
6. Justin Damon
7. Marlies Henderson
8. Glenn Card
9. Frederick Russell, PE, DPW Director

Meeting called to order by Mr. Haines at 10:00am. Ben from National Grid Forestry started the meeting informing National Grids intentions as to why the trees in question on Concord Road and Dudley Road need to be taken down. He explained there are a lot of power outages in this location due to falling limbs because the trees are diseased and dead. National Grid is trying to alleviate these types of outages in this location in the future.

Marlies Henderson had a concern why he was not notified of the meeting since she is on the Planning Board. Michael and Fred both stated the office staff was informed.

Justin Damon objected to a list of trees being removed:

- #21 BK46 300 Concord Rd.
- #22 BK46 300 Concord Rd.
- #33 BK48 300 Concord Rd.
- #17 BK46 300 Concord Rd.
- #42 BK56 332 Concord Rd.
- #43 BK56 332 Concord Rd.
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- #23 BK 46 300 Concord Rd.
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Mr. Damon has submitted a formal objection to the cutting of the trees, which has been emailed to Ben Kowal at National Grid, Michael Haines, and Frederick Russell, Town of Billerica. National Grid will review the list of objections and follow up with Mr. Damon and the Town of Billerica.

Both Marlies and Mr. Damon are concerned with the CO2 levels being affected with the number of trees removed. Marlies requested the removed trees be replaced with new plantings.

Glen Card, resident on Dudley Road was concerned that National Grid is not removing any dangerous white pines along Dudley Road. These white pine trees are the trees that fall and take out the power lines. There was brief back and forth with Mr. Card and Ben Kowal with reasonings to not take down the trees that are not diseased.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am