

Town Meetings / Public Hearings / Workshops
Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Town Campus, Room A and Remote via Zoom

MINUTES

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF MADISON PUBLIC HEARING

The legal voters of the Town of Madison are hereby warned and notified that the town will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room A at Madison Town Campus, 8 Campus Drive and via Zoom for the purpose of:

- Tree Removal on Railroad Avenue Parking Lot

First Selectwoman Lyon's called the Public Hearing to order. She explained the trees were posted to be removed and although no one requested a Public Hearing, they felt it was a good opportunity to get public feedback. Craig Taylor (Tree Warden) was present to explain the trees in this area of Railroad Avenue have consistently been an issue, causing small fires and causing power outages numerous times to neighbors in that area.

Fran Brady: spoke in favor of the removal and asked the town to replace the trees that were removed, specifically low-growing, native species.

Yann van Heurck: Lives on Arbor Lane, the trees are at the end of his street. Can't the trees be trimmed to allow the wires to go through? We should not be chopping down trees, we should be planting more, for the sake of the planet.

Jere Armen, 32 Arbor Lane: asked if there were specific species of plantings in mind for replacing the trees

Barbara Yaeger: Supports the tree removal in this location as they are non-native (not invasive). She noted the trees could be pruned appropriately and stay, but felt this would be a long-term commitment.

She suggested planting Magnolia virginiana (native, at the train station) and if they cannot be

replanted there, she asked that they be planted elsewhere in town. There are many new trees that are bred specifically for underwires. She also suggested making the area a rain garden.

Kathy DeBurra: lives locally and noted the amount of times their residence loses power due to these trees/wires/fires. Supports the removal.

First Selectwoman Lyons and staff will consider all they heard tonight and thanked the public for their feedback.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Lehet