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City of Newton



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July 24, 2017

We thank you for all your concerns regarding the street trees located on Beacon Street which were identified as impacting the sidewalks, curbs, storm drains, vertical clearance and the asphalt road.

DPW originally identified 29 trees impacting one or more of these areas in the right of way. Following our community meeting along with developing policy around tree removal recommendations during road construction, an in depth assessment was conducted by the Department of Public Works, Parks & Recreation Forestry and our ADA Coordinator. The assessment led to identifying three (3) trees out of the original twenty nine (29) which will require removal due to vertical clearance issues over the road, the address of each tree is:

- 1265 Beacon St
- 1275 Beacon St
- 1392 Beacon St

The remaining trees which are impacting the sidewalk will be ramped over with asphalt, DPW is also researching other methods and products for ramping over the exposed roots. These three (3) trees will remain posted through Thursday July 27th when DPW will appeal to the Mayor requesting authorization for removal.

DPW will continue working with our Forestry division in the replanting of trees throughout our project areas and remains committed to planting more trees than are removed in all of our reconstruction.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at DPWproject@newtonma.gov.

Sincerely,

Jim McGonagle
Commissioner

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