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PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES HEARING ON UNAUTHORIZED TREE REMOVALS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host a rescheduled public hearing to discuss the unauthorized removal of two public shade trees on Dwight Street in the South End without prior review or approval by the City Tree Warden.

The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department located at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury.

The hearing will discuss the unauthorized removal of two Norway maples measuring 14 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) on Dwight Street during a construction project on an adjacent property at 518 Tremont Street.

Street trees on public property are protected by Massachusetts General Law Ch. 87, and may not be cut down without a public hearing and authorization by the City Tree Warden. In cases where a tree is cut down and that tree removal has not been approved, the property owner or contractor is responsible for the full replacement costs plus damages, typically three times the replacement cost.

The street tree removal process is outlined on the City of Boston website at http://www.cityofboston.gov/Parks/StreetTrees/hearing_notice.asp. The public hearing will be held by the City of Boston Tree Warden (or designee).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this hearing, please contact Liza Meyer of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or by submitting written comments to: Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Attn: Dwight Street Tree Hearing, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02118 no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, September 6.

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