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## **PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES BEACON HILL VIRTUAL TREE REMOVAL HEARING**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m. on a request to remove six public shade trees at 11 - 45 Bowdoin Street on Beacon Hill.

The request is for the removal of six honey locust trees measuring between 2 and 14 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) due to replacement of a 16-inch water main by the Boston Water & Sewer Commission.

The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee). Please note that due to the current pandemic the hearing will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM. Written comments or questions may be submitted to [parcs@boston.gov](mailto:parcs@boston.gov) prior to the hearing. The information for the ZOOM hearing is as follows:

To participate by computer:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88429305965>

To participate by phone:  
Number: 1-312-626-6799 or 1-646-558-8656  
Webinar ID: 884 2930 5965

Public testimony will be taken, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Roxbury, MA 02118 or by emailing [parcs@boston.gov](mailto:parcs@boston.gov) with "Beacon Hill Tree Hearing" in the subject line.

A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.

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