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**Permit for Removal of Shade Tree
290 Middle Street (Map R22, Lot 2)
National Grid (Applicant)**

Pursuant to Chapter XXXII of the Town of West Newbury Bylaws "Scenic Roads", and M.G.L. Chapter 87, Section 3 "Cutting of Public Shade Trees", the West Newbury Planning Board and Tree Warden conducted a public hearing using the Zoom Virtual platform on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 to consider an application by National Grid for the removal of one multi-stemmed red maple located within the public way. The subject parcel is located at 290 Middle Street (Map R22, Lot 2). The request is further described in the following documents submitted by the applicant and incorporated herein by reference:

- Letter dated July 20, 2023 from National Grid to the Planning Board with photographs and maps attached;

After due discussion the Planning Board and Interim Tree Warden, Richard Hills agreed to close the public hearing. Interim Tree Warden, Richard Hills noted that the tree proposed for removal was of compromised health due to the codominant stems and included bark at their juncture and indicated his approval of the tree removal pursuant to the "Cutting of Public Shade Trees" statute.

The Planning Board then voted unanimously, 5-0 (Bardeen, Cook, Cronin, Hamilton and Murphey in favor) to approve the request for removal of the multi-stem (8-inch and 10-inch diameter) red maple tree shown on the plans submitted.

Sue Brown, Town Planner
on behalf of the West Newbury Planning Board

Richard Hills, Interim Tree Warden

Date: August 21, 2023

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