

**Decision Notice from Pubic Hearing on Tree Removal held
Friday, November 20, 2009**

On Friday, November 20 2009, at 4:30 a public hearing for tree removal was held at Stratfield School to determine a request to remove trees from school property in regards to a proposal to expand the parking lot as part of the construction of a new addition to the school.

In summary, the proposal was explained by Mr. Aris Stalis, ASLA of Tavella Design Group,LLC, representing the Stratfield Building Committee on the proposed tree removal and planting plan with regards to the expansion of the parking lot to the public who was in attendance. A number of the attendees spoke in favor of the project as well as a number of letters in support of the proposed plan were submitted sighting safety concerns and mitigation for replanting as compensation. There were also a few people who spoke against the proposal stating environmental concerns and the lack of screening provided in the landscape plan.

It is the decision of the tree warden that the proposal for the removal of town trees be granted as stated at the public hearing held Friday, November 20 2009. This is based upon the poor condition of the trees, the location of the trees in regards to the construction and disturbance areas and exotic species composition.

Conditions for this approval are:

Evergreens of 12-14' size and additional numbers will be planted along the school boundary line and abutting property owners at specific sites to help with screening as determined by tree warden and landscape architect.

Minor revisions to proposed landscape plans as determined by the tree warden and the landscape architect.

Expenditures of appropriated funds will be overseen by the tree warden on any removal and planting of any trees and shrubs as per General Statutes of Connecticut Sec. 23-60.

Any party aggrieved by this decision has ten days to appeal it in Superior court.