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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAUREL HOLLOW  
PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
August 19, 2020  
7 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL  
1492 Laurel Hollow Road  
Syosset, New York 11791-9603  
(Via video conference.)

- PRESENT: CHRIS HADJANDREAS, Chairman
- SCOTT ABRAMS, Member
- NANCY JONES, Member
- JAMES GALTIERI, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- HOWARD AVRUTINE, Village Attorney
- ELIZABETH KAYE, Clerk/Treasurer

T25-2020 and P5-2020 - Dhariwal - 9 Glen Lane

RONALD KOENIG  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

## Proceedings

1 MR. AVRUTINE: This is the public hearing on  
2 Case Number T25 of 2020 and P5 of 2020, that was T25 and  
3 P5 of 2020, the public hearing on the application of  
4 Sapna Dhariwal, 9 Glen Lane, for approval to remove five  
5 trees in the rear yard. The parcel of property under  
6 application is known as Section 14, Block 13, Lot 29, on  
7 the Nassau County Land and Tax Map.

8 This property owner received permission to  
9 remove five trees in 2018. The code states that any  
10 application for a permit to remove more than five  
11 protected trees and/or Mountain Laurel during a  
12 four-year period including if the removal is in  
13 connection with construction must be presented to the  
14 Planning Board for consideration and determination.

15 I see there is a representative here of the  
16 applicant. Please give your name and address for the  
17 record.

18 MS. DHARIWAL: This is Sapna Dhariwal, 9 Glen  
19 Lane, Laurel Hollow 11791.

20 MR. AVRUTINE: Thank you. You may proceed.  
21 Please explain to the Board what you want to do and why  
22 you want to do it.

23 MS. DHARIWAL: Oh, okay. So, I want to remove  
24 these trees due to the health of the trees and also a  
25 lot of shading in my pool area.

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1 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Sapna, this is Chris  
2 Hadjandreas. As we discussed, the arborist made a  
3 recommendation that of the five trees that you asked to  
4 be removed, one of them, which is Tree Number Five  
5 that's referenced on the permit, be saved and possibly  
6 through pruning, slight pruning, not overpruning, again  
7 save that tree. And the arborist is recommending  
8 removal of the other four trees.

9 would you agree to adhere to the arborist's  
10 recommendations and keep that Tree Number Five?

11 MS. DHARIWAL: Yes, of course.

12 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Okay.

13 So, Howard, the Board has spoken, and if the  
14 homeowner agrees to adhere to the arborist's  
15 recommendations we would be agreeable to that.

16 MR. AVRUTINE: Okay.

17 MS. DHARIWAL: I have a question. There is a  
18 tree leaning, you know, tilting down on my grass and my  
19 pool house which is I think is almost dead. The  
20 arborist noticed herself and she recommended that should  
21 be removed. I hope that is under your attention. Just  
22 making sure.

23 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: It's not part of the  
24 five that we viewed, the five that we looked at?

25 MS. DHARIWAL: No. No. No. It's separate,

1 yes. I don't know if you remember when you were  
2 walking.

3 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: I know, but that's  
4 going to be a separate matter that I will have to, you  
5 know, if it's a dangerous situation, I'll speak with the  
6 arborist. We're going to have handle that separately.

7 MS. DHARIWAL: She made a recommendation. She  
8 said that must be removed because it's going to fall  
9 down and damage the pool house.

10 THE CLERK: She called that Tree Number Six.

11 MS. DHARIWAL: Exactly. That's right.

12 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: So now --

13 THE CLERK: Do you want me to share the  
14 report?

15 MEMBER GALTIERI: It's on the report, Chris.

16 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Okay.

17 MR. AVRUTINE: The only question is, Chris, do  
18 you want to inspect it before any decision?

19 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: We did. When we did  
20 the site view visit we all saw it. I just thought that  
21 tree was going to be pruned or whatever and left alone.  
22 But if the arborist is recommending removal, I just want  
23 to hear from the other board members what their thoughts  
24 are.

25 MEMBER JONES: Chris, on her report she lists

1 six trees. Number Five, she says, to keep. But the  
2 sixth tree is the tree that the homeowner is referring  
3 to, Number Six, that Ms. Bibla said it should be  
4 removed.

5 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Okay.

6 MEMBER JONES: So, it's still five trees that  
7 she's asking to be removed.

8 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: My mistake.

9 MEMBER JONES: That's how I'm reading the  
10 report.

11 MR. AVRUTINE: Let's clarify for the record  
12 because that sixth tree was not part of the application.  
13 So in order to have that accomplished, the Board would  
14 have to agree that it could be amended now to include  
15 that tree so the relief would be remove four trees as  
16 shown on the plan, One through Four, preserve Five, and  
17 then remove that sixth tree that is identified in the  
18 Bibla report, if that's what the Board decides to do.

19 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Does anybody on the  
20 board have an objection with that?

21 MEMBER GALTIERI: No. It states clearly --  
22 Chris, can you hear me?

23 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Yes.

24 MEMBER GALTIERI: It says clearly on this  
25 report that it's in poor health and covered with vines,

1 leaning in a significant way and should be removed.

2 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: I just wanted to make  
3 sure nobody had an issue.

4 Scott?

5 MEMBER ABRAMS: I'm fine with it.

6 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Okay. Yes, Howard, we  
7 would. I would, you know, I think we should vote as per  
8 your recommendation to amend the agreement, amend and  
9 vote.

10 MS. DHARIWAL: And there's one last thing.

11 MR. AVRUTINE: Hold on. Go ahead.

12 MS. DHARIWAL: So, there is a broken tree,  
13 right, because I live next to a sump, and there is a  
14 broken tree due to the storm which is ready to fall. If  
15 you can read the Page 2 under the Number Six, after the  
16 Number Six Tree notification, she mentioned about it  
17 that somebody needs to notify Nassau County because that  
18 tree can actually damage the fence. That's going to be  
19 a major problem. How is that going to be --

20 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Ms. Dhariwal, that's  
21 also on Nassau County property and that's nothing that  
22 falls under -- it's in the sump. I saw what you're  
23 talking about, but that's something that as a homeowner  
24 you're going to have to notify Nassau County and get  
25 them to act on that. And honestly, if I were you, I

1 would do it formally because then there's a record of it  
2 and if there is any damage that happens to your  
3 property, then I'm sure you'll have some kind of  
4 recourse if you formally notify the County that this  
5 tree is in danger of falling and damaging something on  
6 your property including the fence and whatnot. Again,  
7 I'm not a lawyer but that's how I would handle it.

8 MS. DHARIWAL: So I have to communicate?  
9 Because I spoke to Joshua Lafazan the last couple of  
10 years to take care of the sump and Ms. Kaye also  
11 e-mailed from the office, and they have done nothing. I  
12 have poison ivy coming from the other side and they just  
13 don't want to do anything about it.

14 THE CLERK: Can you send me a picture and I'll  
15 also attach the arborist report and I'll send it to his  
16 office.

17 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: That's completely out  
18 of our purview. Keep going down that road and hopefully  
19 they'll act on it.

20 But other than that, Howard, is there anything  
21 else that you require?

22 MR. AVRUTINE: No. At this point in time let  
23 the record reflect that the application has been  
24 modified to include the sixth tree that was identified  
25 in the report of Elizabeth Bibla that was filed with

1 this application.

2 So at this time, unless the Board has any  
3 further comment or questions, would entertain a motion  
4 to close the public hearing.

5 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: I'll make that motion.

6 MR. AVRUTINE: Okay. May I have a second?

7 MEMBER JONES: I'll second it.

8 MR. AVRUTINE: Seconded by Member Jones.

9 All in favor?

10 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Aye.

11 MEMBER ABRAMS: Aye.

12 MEMBER JONES: Aye.

13 MEMBER GALTIERI: Aye.

14 MR. AVRUTINE: Let the record reflect that all  
15 voted in favor to close the public hearing.

16 Let the record reflect that this matter is  
17 deemed Type II under the New York State Environmental  
18 Quality Review Act.

19 And we would have a motion on the application.  
20 Does anyone want to make a motion?

21 MEMBER JONES: I'll motion.

22 Member Jones moving to approve the application  
23 removing Trees One, Two, Three and Four; Tree Five to  
24 remain; and Tree Six as identified in the Elizabeth  
25 Bibla report also to be removed.



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1 Is that correct? Is that the motion?

2 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Yes.

3 MEMBER JONES: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Howard, I would like to  
5 add some verbiage in terms of pruning on Tree Five  
6 should not be significant as to harm the tree.

7 MR. AVRUTINE: So in connection with the  
8 preservation of the pruning of Tree Five, it shall be  
9 done in a way as to preserve the tree.

10 MS. DHARIWAL: Yes.

11 MR. AVRUTINE: That's the motion by Member  
12 Jones.

13 Do we have a second?

14 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: I will second that.

15 MR. AVRUTINE: Okay. Chairman Hadjandreas.  
16 All in favor?

17 CHAIRMAN HADJANDREAS: Aye.

18 MEMBER ABRAMS: Aye.

19 MEMBER JONES: Aye.

20 MEMBER GALTIERI: Aye.

21 MR. AVRUTINE: Okay. Application approved to  
22 remove Trees One through Four, and Six as per the Bibla  
23 report, Tree Five to remain and be pruned in a fashion  
24 that is designed to ensure its health.

25 Okay. That completes the public hearing.

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MS. DHARIWAL: Thank you so much, everyone.

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CERTIFIED THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE TRANSCRIPT OF THE ORIGINAL STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES IN THIS CASE.

Ronald Koenig  
RONALD H. KOENIG  
Official Court Reporter