

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
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PLANNING BOARD OF THE  
TOWN OF WEST WARWICK

**TOWN OF WEST WARWICK  
PLANNING BOARD  
WEST WARWICK LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION  
REVIEW REGULATION AMENDMENT**

On October 3, 2022, a meeting of the Planning Board was held pursuant to the provisions of RIGL 45-23-52 and 45-23-53 for the purpose of amending the West Warwick Land Development and Subdivision Review Regulations, notice of said meeting having been given in accordance with the provisions of RIGL 45-23-53, the West Warwick Planning Board hereby adopts the following amendments to the West Warwick Land Development and Subdivision Review Regulations.

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to the provision of Sections 17-25 and 17-26 of the West Warwick Land Development and Subdivision Review Regulations, the Planning Board of the Town of West Warwick is empowered to adopt, modify and amend the West Warwick Land Development and Subdivision Review Regulations; and

**WHEREAS:** The Planning Board for the Town of West Warwick has determined that the provisions of Sections 17-19(B) (13) and (14), 17-20(B), 17-37(D) and APPENDIX A of said Regulations should be amended to insure that said Regulations are updated to provide for accurate rules and regulations for the governing of land development and subdivision projects and to control land development and subdivision projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK HEREBY AMENDS APPENDIX D OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK, THE WEST WARWICK LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REVIEW REGULATIONS, as follows:

**Sec. 17-19. General provisions-Public design and improvement standards.**

**(B) *Street design standards.*** The following design standards shall be followed where applicable by design and construction of any subdivision:

(13) *Front yard trees.* Where natural tree growth is determined by the planning board to be insufficient, the planning board shall require the subdivider to plant front yard trees, appropriate for the terrain, soil and climatic conditions encountered in the subdivision, and in accordance with the following standards:

- e. *Planting.* Front yard trees shall be planted in holes no less than 2" above existing grade with an undisturbed base/compacted base and 1 1/2 times as wide as the root ball. Larger excavation may be required in gravel or sand areas. Trees shall be good quality topsoil or soil conditioned to that quality with sufficient organic matter such as peat moss and a balanced fertilizer. Trees shall be securely double-staked with sturdy stakes of a minimum size of two inches by two inches by six feet (2" x 2" x 6'). All stakes

shall be removed one-year after installation. All wire cages, burlap and twine shall be removed from the root ball prior to planting.

(14) *Landscaping standards.*

b. Landscaping may include plants materials such as trees, shrubs, ground covers, grass, flowers.,et&;- Planting of invasive species shall be strictly prohibited. See Invasive Species lists promulgated by Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the Rhode Island Natural History Survey for current lists of invasive species in the State of Rhode Island. but may also include other materials such as rocks, berms, woodland, stone walls, paving materials, planters, signage, and street furniture. Areas which may be required to provide landscaping shall include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- (1) Drainage facilities, such as retention/detention basins, or drainage swales;
- (2) Entrance features;
- (3) Open space areas;
- (4) Proposed recreation facilities;
- (5) Buffer areas;
- (6) Lot areas which are disturbed during the construction

or where extensive grading removes a significant amount of natural vegetation;

- (7) Areas subject to regrading or stabilization for soil erosion and sediment control purposes.

**Sec. 17-20. General provisions--Construction and/or improvement guarantees.**

(B) *General procedures.* Before any land development or subdivision plan is endorsed by the planning board, and before the recording of any subdivision plat, the planning board shall be required to approve agreements for the completion of all required improvements. Such agreements may, as determined by the planning board, at the option of the subdivider. take the form of (1) completion of actual construction of all improvements; (2) improvement guarantees, or (3) a combination thereof.

**Sec. 17-37. Procedure--Meetings; votes, decisions and records.**

(D) *Votes.* All votes of the planning board shall be made part of the permanent record and shall show the members present and their votes. A decision by the planning board to approve any land development or subdivision application shall require a vote for approval by a majority of the current plarmiflg beam membel'Ship planning board members present at the time of the vote.

**APPENDIX A- SPECIFICATION FOR TREE PLANTING IN NEW SUBDIVISIONS** shaU be repealed and deleted and of no further force of effect and shall be amended and replaced by the following:

## APPENDIXA

### SPECIFICATIONS FOR TREE PLANTING IN NEW SUBDIVISIONS

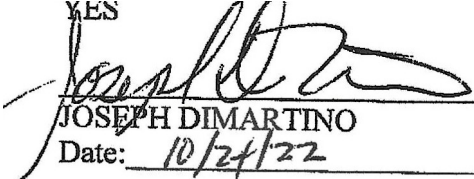
Varieties Recommended. The following varieties of trees are recommended for front yard planting by Genus/Species/'Cultivar'. (ST) recommended as street trees. (e) Evergreen. (Y) Yard Tree.

COMMONNAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
<u>Hedge Maple (Y)</u>	<u>Acer campestre</u>
<u>Paperbark Maple (Y)</u>	<u>Acer griseum</u>
<u>Full Moon Maple (Y)</u>	<u>Acer japonicum</u>
<u>Manchurian Maple (Y) (ST)</u>	<u>Acer mandshuricum</u>
<u>Japanese Maple (Y)</u>	<u>Acer palmatum 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Red Maple (Y)</u>	<u>Acer rubrum 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Tatarian Maple (Y) (S1)</u>	<u>Acer tataricum 'Rubrum'</u>
<u>Three-flower Maple (Y)</u>	<u>Acer trifolium</u>
<u>Sweet Birch (Y)</u>	<u>Hetula lenta</u>
<u>River Birch (Y)</u>	<u>Betula nigra 'Heritage and Cully'</u>
<u>Katsura Tree (Y)</u>	<u>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</u>
<u>Eastern Redbud (Y)</u>	<u>Cercis canadensis 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Atlas Cedar (e)</u>	<u>Cedrus atlantica 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Alaskan Cedar (e)</u>	<u>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis</u>
<u>Sawara Japanese Falsecypress (e)</u>	<u>Chamaecyparis pisifera 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>White Fringetree (Y)</u>	<u>Chionanthus virginicus</u>
<u>Smoke Tree (Y)</u>	<u>Cotinus coggygria 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Flowering Dogwood (Y)</u>	<u>Cornus florida 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Kousa Dogwood (Y)</u>	<u>Comus kousa 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Ginkgo (Y)</u>	<u>Ginkgo biloba</u>
<u>Thornless Honey Locust (Y)(ST)</u>	<u>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Fairview, Green Glory, Skyline, and Summergold'</u>
<u>Carolina Silverbells (Y)</u>	<u>Halesia tetraptera</u>
<u>Seven-Son Flower (Y)</u>	<u>Heptacodium miconioides</u>
<u>American Holly (Y) (e)</u>	<u>Ilex opaca 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Eastern Red Cedar (Y) (e)</u>	<u>Juniperus virginiana 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Tulip Tree (Y)</u>	<u>Liriodendron tulipifera</u>
<u>Mountain Ash (ST)</u>	<u>Maackia amurensis</u>
<u>Magnolia (Y)</u>	<u>Magnolia 'all species and cultivars'</u>

<u>Sourwood</u>	<u>Oxydendrum arboretum</u>
<u>White Spruce (Y) e</u>	<u>Picea glauca 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Serbian Spruce (Y) e</u>	<u>Picea omorika 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Oriental Spruce (Y) e</u>	<u>Picea orientalis 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Bristlecone Pine (Y) e</u>	<u>Pinus aristate</u>
<u>Lacebark Pine (Y) e</u>	<u>Pinus bungeana</u>
<u>Swiss Stone Pine (Y) e</u>	<u>Pinus cembra</u>
<u>Korean Pine (Y) e</u>	<u>Pinus koraiensis 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Japanese White Pine (Y) e</u>	<u>Pinus parviflora</u>
<u>Himalayan Pine (Y) e</u>	<u>Pinus wallichiana</u>
<u>London Planetree (Y) (SD)</u>	<u>Platanus x acerifolis 'Bloodgood'</u>
<u>Japanese Flowering Cherry {Y) ____</u>	<u>Prunus serrulata 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Higan Cherry (Y)</u>	<u>Prunus subhirtella 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Yoshino Cherry (Y)</u>	<u>Prunus x yedoensis</u>
<u>Pin Oak (Y)(ST) ____</u>	<u>Quercus palustris</u>
<u>Japanese Umbrella Pine 00 ____</u>	<u>Sciadopitys verticillata</u>
<u>Japanese Tree Lilac (Y)(ST) ____</u>	<u>Syringa reticulata 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Oriental Arbovitae (Y) e</u>	<u>Thuja orientalis 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Giant Arbovitae (Y) e</u>	<u>Thuja plicata 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Little Leaf Linden (Y)(ST) ____</u>	<u>Tilia cordata 'all cultivars'</u>
<u>Western Hemlock (Y) {e) ____</u>	<u>Tsuga heteropylla</u>
<u>Yellowhorn {Y) ____</u>	<u>Xanthoceras sorbifolium</u>

Upon motion duly made and seconded the above amendment to the West Warwick Land Development and Subdivision Review Regulations is adopted.

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RENE COUTU	YES
JESSICA RUBERY	YES

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 JOSEPH DIMARTINO  
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