

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Thursday, March 24, 2016 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approved April 7, 2016

Sturbridge Center Office Building, 2nd Floor

Executive Session Called to Order 9:20 pm:

To discuss the upcoming proceedings in Dudley District Court regarding Advantage Tree, who is contesting the fine previously issued by this Commission for tree removal within the buffer zone and possibly within a resource area, without permit, at 3 Ladd Road.

Quorum Check: Confirmed

Members Present: Ed Goodwin (EG), Chairman
David Barnicle (DB), Vice Chair
Steve Chidester (SC)
Steve Halterman (SH)
Joseph Kowalski (JK)

Others Present: Glenn Colburn (CG), Conservation Agent
Anne Renaud-Jones, Conservation Clerk

Proceedings: Agent GlennC is composing a Statement of Facts for the Court about the series of meetings and conversation leading up to the issuing of the violation to Advantage Tree. Glenn has spoken with TA Leon Gaumont about , and Town Counsel Joel Bard will be accompanying him to this hearing.

For clarification, this hearing has nothing to do with the Open Meeting Law Complaint- it is totally separate.

Our comments will be limited to exactly and only this incident. It will include facts from the January 21st, February 4th, and February 18 meetings.

Commissioners remind Agent to bring pictures and minutes, and include the original vote by the Commission to fine him at a much larger rate.

9:30 pm Motion to Adjourn Executive Session (DB); 2nd: SC, AIF