

August 27, 2015

Zoning Board of Appeals
Village of East Hills
209 Harbor Hill Rd.
East Hills, NY 11576

BY Hand Delivery

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby appeal to the East Hills Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) the decision rendered July 13, 2015 by the East Hills Architectural Review Board (ARB) to issue a tree-removal permit for multiple trees at 5 Palm Court, East Hills.

I reside at 35 Chestnut Drive in East Hills. My property is located about 290 feet from 5 Palm Court, and many of the trees, including the three Tulip trees in the rear of 5 Palm Court approved by the ARB for removal are visible to my house and backyard (see attached).

Removing the three Tulip trees, and other trees approved for removal, will adversely affect me and the enjoyment of my property because the trees provide a valuable buffer between my home and the traffic on Northern Boulevard, north of my home, among other services.

Northern Blvd. is about 545 feet from my property in a direct line through 5 Palm Court (see attached).

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I moved into my home when the old Village Hall abutted the rear of my property, and the removal of many trees to make way for subdivision built there since then had a significant negative impact on my property. Thus the trees currently on neighboring properties, and particularly those at 5 Palm Court, are even more important in maintaining the peace and tranquillity of my property.

Further, as outlined in the Village Code, the mature canopy trees in East Hills provide the entire community with valuable services such as clean air, natural beauty, wildlife habitat, etc. As such they enhance the value and enjoyment of my property.

It is my understanding that there were significant flaws in the approval process that should lead to your overturning of the ARB decision to approve the tree removals.

I understand that oral and written testimony was submitted to the ARB prior to its decision stating that the Village Code mandates the preservation of the local tree canopy, and that the proposal to remove the towering healthy Tulip trees for no reason other than the proposed building of a patio, and the removal of other trees for grading and the desire

