

Town of Lexington



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**EXCERPT OF THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024, 7:30 P.M.
CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING – BATTIN HALL
WITH ADJOURNED SESSIONS HELD
MARCH 20, 22, 27, and APRIL 1, 3, 8, 10, 24**

ARTICLE 36 GENERAL BYLAWS – TREE BYLAW - EXEMPTIONS

MOTION: Mr. Paul moves that the Town’s Tree Bylaw, Chapter 120 § 3A and 9 of the Code of the Town of Lexington, be amended as follows, where ~~struck through~~ text is to be removed and **bolded** text is to be added:

1. Amend § 120-3(A) **Definitions** by adding the following definition:

CERTIFIED ARBORIST

An arborist who is certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or through the Massachusetts Certified Arborist Program of the Massachusetts Arborists Association.

2. Amend, add and reletter § 120-9 (B), (C) and (D) **Emergencies and exemptions** as follows:

B.

Town ~~T~~rees that are hazardous as determined in writing by the Tree Warden;

C.

Trees that in accordance with a Level 2 ISA, BMP Tree Risk Assessment submitted to the Town, have a high or extreme overall tree risk rating for which no alternative reasonable mitigation of the risk exists other than by the removal of the tree as determined in writing by a Certified Arborist.

D.

Invasive tree species as defined in regulations established by the Tree Committee and approved by the Select Board. ~~(Reserved)~~^[1]

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Editor’s Note: Former Subsection C, which excluded invasive tree species, was repealed 3-22-2010 ATM by Art. 27.

Following remote electronic vote tallying, the Moderator declared that:

Motion to Approve Article 36 Amend General Bylaws – Tree Bylaw- Exemptions

Adopted by a vote of:

Yes	No	Abstain
165	3	2

MOTION CARRIES