

**Town of Chatham
Shade Trees
FAQ'S**

What is a shade tree?

Any tree within a public way is defined as public trees.

Who's responsible for cutting, maintaining and care of public shade trees?

The tree warden or his deputy.

Can I plant, cut, or remove a shade tree on a public road?

No, not without the permission of the Tree Warden as per M.G.L. Chapter 87 Section 3.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/87-3.htm>

When is a Public Hearing required?

Prior to cutting, trimming, or removing said tree.

Who holds a Public Hearing?

Prior to cutting or removing a shade tree a public hearing must be held by the tree warden or his deputy.

Does the Planning Board hold a public hearing?

Only when the removal of such trees are along a scenic road as provided in Chapter 40, Section 15-C.