



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
LAW DEPARTMENT

May 10, 2019

City Council
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: That the City Solicitor update this Council as it relates to the communication received from Newport Construction Corp. on March 25, 2019

Board Order No. 207904

Dear Honorable Councilors:

You have asked this office to provide an update relating to the above-referenced communication received from Newport Construction Corp. In response, I provide the following information.

On January 31, 2019, the Somerville Tree Warden issued a Notice of Violation to both Newport Construction and Northern Tree Service, Inc. relative to the unauthorized removal of public shade trees on Beacon Street on or about October 6, 2017. I am informed no response was received to this notice. On March 14, 2019, this office transmitted a follow-up demand letter to both entities. In response to this letter, counsel for Northern Tree Service, Inc. contacted this office to discuss the matter, and this office is awaiting further information from counsel. By the letter referenced above, Newport Construction Corp. responded only in writing to communicate their position that they are not a proper party.

Please contact this office if you have any additional questions.

Very truly yours,

Jason D. Grossfield
Assistant City Solicitor

cc: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone
John Long, City Clerk



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