

We watched the meeting on Monday September 14th. The comments of our area being a sensitive one are accurate. The number of large trees is significant and a main reason for the enjoyment by the owners and town residents who are often found walking and biking on Beechwood Crescent. The street has seen changes over the last decade. And we anticipate many more. What the consistent message from the owners of the homes here to the Town has been is "protect our trees". Newmarket is very slow to enact a tree bylaw and remiss in that respect. The residents here are not adverse to change that does not impact the trees.

The property at 181 Beechwood was originally a single lot. It was subdivided and in that process 18 trees were removed. Then the first house was built, the Town allowed a further (I think) 5 trees for that construction. Now there is a proposal for the removal of another 3 trees. This is to be a custom built house. Why can't the builder work around the trees that give this area its character? There is so much open space on these lots with what has already been cleared.

Imagination in building design and methods would allow for change without destruction. In a situation where you are offering exemptions, make it conditional on tree protection.

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