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**FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS
HOLDING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE PRESENCE IN BOSTON**

WHAT: Officials from the US Department of Agriculture, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the town of Brookline, and the city of Boston have scheduled two public meetings in Brookline and one in Boston this month to discuss the recent discovery of Asian longhorned beetles (ALB) in Jamaica Plain and the eradication efforts, which began immediately.

Over the July 4th weekend, six trees on the grounds of Faulkner Hospital were found to be infested by ALB. The trees were removed on Tuesday morning, July 6, and ALB project workers immediately began surveying trees within a 1.5-mile radius of the infested trees to look for evidence of additional beetles. Since then, no further infestation has been found in Boston.

Information materials on the ALB are available at the following Boston and Brookline public library branches:

Boston:

West Roxbury Library, 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury
Connolly Branch Library, 433 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain
Roslindale Library, 4238 Washington St., Roslindale,
Egleston Square Branch Library, 2044 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury
Jamaica Plain Library, 12 Sedgwick Street, Jamaica Plain

Brookline:

Putterham Branch Library 959 West Roxbury Pkwy., Chestnut Hill

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Brookline

WHEN: Wednesday, July 21
Thursday, July 29
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. each night

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Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., Commissioner
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WHERE: Brookline Public Library
Hunneman Hall
361 Washington St.
Brookline

Boston

WHEN: Saturday
July 31
10 a.m.-Noon

WHERE: Curtis Hall Community Center
20 South Street, 2nd floor
Jamaica Plain

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