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**Town Planner's Review**  
**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

- XI. **Policy for Tree Trimming and Tree Removal for Utility Maintenance on Scenic Roads.** At the Planning Board's request a draft policy was created by a working group composed of the arborist from Eversource, a Durham arborist, the Town's tree warden, and the Town Planner.
- I recommend that the board discuss the draft policy and vote to adopt it when it is acceptable.

At the Planning Board's request, after the approval of the most recent application from Eversource for tree trimming and removal, I met with Robert Berner, Eversource arborist; Mike Lynch, Durham Tree Warden; and John Parry, local arborist to work out a draft policy for tree trimming and removal on scenic roads. We met twice. Nick Fontaine, a consultant to Eversource, joined us at the first meeting.

The four of us put together the proposed policy. In accordance with the Planning Board's recently revised policy on public comments, the public would be welcome to comment on the draft, unless the board plans to schedule a public hearing for it (See the revised policy on the back of the agenda – item 1).

Many thanks to John Parry, Bob Berner, and Mike Lynch for spending a good deal of time helping to prepare this document.