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**To:** Michael Behrendt

**Subject:** Tree Cutting along Packers Falls Road

Dear Michael and Durham Planning Board,

I am not planning on attending tonight's Public Hearing on cutting more trees on Packers Falls Road. Didn't we just go through this process *less than* a year ago, at which time we were told that trees will only be trimmed/cut *every four years*? If I am not mistaken, the time before that was also less than 4 years. This pattern of false promises and going through the motions of scenic road protection is growing tiresome and confusing. When does 4 years mean 4 years?

I would like to ask for clarification on the policy for tree cutting along Designated Scenic Roads. Is it true that if any resident complains about past or future electric outages, it initiates a whole new round of tree cutting? If this is true, I would say the policy is problematic. At its extreme, this could lead to complaints by anxious resident about future outages leading to clear cutting our scenic roads. This seems to go against the intent of having scenic road protections.

I hope the policy can be discussed and clarified during tonight's public hearing.

Thank you.

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