

To All: Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday. If any one would like to read my statement below, please do!

One of my last votes as a town councilor was to support the continued effort by the town to join the other intervenors in the appeal to the Supreme Court of NH in the Eversource Reliability Project. Unfortunately, only 2 other councilors agreed with me, and as you all know the town chose Eversource money rather than protecting the Bay and the beauty and property value of the adjoining property. The proposal by Eversource under consideration tonight is another effort to destroy one of the few remaining scenic byways in our area used by walkers, runners, bikers and pleasure drivers. Poles have already been placed in spite of the fact that the Planning Board has not yet approved the project. One only has to look at the Riverwoods Project on Rte 4 to see what a large structure does to a scenic byway. By allowing this destruction of the viewscape of Durham Point Road to move forward will be just another step in the many decade long process of "debeautifying" Durham. Alan Bennett