

**From:** [Michael Behrendt](#)  
**Subject:** Eversource - Public Hearing July 24 - email from Beth Olshansky  
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To the Planning Board,  
Please see the email from Beth Olshansky below.

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From: Beth Olshansky [<mailto:Beth.Olshansky@comcast.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 8:13 PM  
To: Michael Behrendt  
Subject: For Eversource Public Hearing July 26

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

First I appreciate the Planning Board choosing to reopen the public hearing so that residents have an opportunity to comment on the new information provided by Eversource after the public hearing was closed, and also to comment on the Conditions of Approval.

Second, I think it is an excellent idea to provide members of the public with a phone number and email address should concerns about the tree cutting/trimming arise. Despite the promised oversight by professionals, it is the residents of that area who drive back and forth on the road throughout the day who are positioned to be the most responsive should concerns arise. I suggest a protocol be put into place for citizens to notify both the Town and Eversource Arborists in a timely fashion as once damage is done, there is little recourse.

Third, I would like to thank Barbara Dill for suggesting that all of Durham's scenic roads be treated with the same care and standards as Durham Point Road. Thus I am in full support of modifying the Clearance Standards as noted below the Conditions of Approval for all scenic roads.

Finally, missing from the conversation about aesthetic impacts of the new poles on scenic roads is the visual impact of the spacer cables, especially when seen against the open sky. They bring to mind images of barbed wire running along the top of a prison fence. Is there not an alternative to these unattractive pieces of hardware?

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Beth Olshansky