

To: Michael Behrendt and Members of the Planning Board  
From Diana and John Carroll

We are not able to be at the Planning Board meeting Wednesday, June 11 and so we are taking this opportunity to write with our concerns regarding the proposed Eversource project on Durham Point Road.

Our overriding concern is the removal of a considerable amount of tree cover around the 3 phase spacer wires. Tree limbs and branches will be removed allowing an 8 foot open area on both sides of the wires which equates to a view of air for 16 feet. That is 16 feet where mostly there was a view of tree branches and leaves. A scenic view. The canopy will be either open to the sky or a large hole with a view of air with 15 feet of emptiness above the wires and a 10 foot area below the wires. That is a total of 16 feet X 25 feet of emptiness that replaces what was a view of nature, a scenic view.

Durham Point Road should not be treated as any other road that might have an installation of 3 phase wires on it. It is a scenic road. Eversource seems to acknowledge that Durham Point Road is a scenic road but insists that the same Eversource Company regulations that were written for non-scenic roads are to be used on scenic roads-----this includes Durham Point Road.

We were stunned when we saw photos that Malcolm Sandberg posted in his letter. Is the second photo the way Durham Point Road will look? We've all been reading and thinking about the numbers that I've included above but what will these numbers look like when applied to Durham Point Road? What if the numbers mean more devastation to the scenic qualities of Durham Point Road than we imagined? **So, I encourage the Planning Board to ask for drawings that will show what Durham Point Road will look like if the current application is accepted. (The Planning Board can ask an outside agency to provide the sketch and Eversource can pay for it.) I think the members of the Planning Board need to know visually what you are voting for and the public needs to see this too.**

There is also the matter of precedent. What holds for Durham Point Road, as a Town scenic road will also hold for other such designated scenic roads in Durham, i.e., Bennett Road, Packers Falls Road. The Planning Board needs to be mindful of the precedent it establishes.

Sincerely,  
Diana and John Carroll