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To: Michael Behrendt

Cc: Todd Selig

Subject: Eversource excesses

Dear Michael (and K. Edwards):

I request that the Town act in the strongest and most expedient way to stop the proposed Eversource incursion on the canopy on Durham Point and any other roads. The tree canopy is needed for wildlife habitat, oxygen production, and temperature (climate) control. Even small changes to local canopies have contributed to rising heat and evaporation of vernal pools and needed snow cover (cf. Foss Farm Woods clear cuts, Long Marsh Road, the 108 corridor, more) while reducing aesthetics and healthful recreational activities.

The Town has a duty to caretake the scenic splendor that the designated scenic roads and byways represent, and that includes Durham Point Road, Bennett Road, and the scenic Mills byway environs generally.

Eversource has bullied its way into our lives and town enough already. The roadways already accommodating company "upgrades" have downgraded the lives of New Hampshire citizens in terms of disruption, ugliness, and worse-than-before traffic patterns (and I am not even speaking about the supposed "temporary" disruptions during construction).

The tall poles and manifold heavy lines are eyesores. Cutting ANY more boughs or trees adds injury to insult (to invert the usual phrase). "Trimming" yields ugly candelabra stubs and so is NO good compromise.

Permit me to protest more broadly: For the time, money, machinery, blasting activities, time delays for residents, wires could and should have been placed underground.

We should have had the bicycle/stroller/pedestrian lanes originally described by the Town (to its citizens) as part of the 108 "improvement" project. Such a corridor would be a contribution to energy conservation and quality of life and been a win-win for DOT, Eversource, and the local population of families, students, athletes, animals.

We should have the turn lane onto Durham Point Road also described/advertised to Durham residents at the start of the 108 project. The current situation is more dangerous than ever for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists (I may be a minority in this, but I felt the former additional route onto Durham Point Road—what the Town belatedly took to calling a "slip road" was helpful in providing a bike- and pedestrian escape route, among other uses, and preventing winter-weather pile ups.)

The roadside rails/barriers are no improvement to safety or aesthetics, as they are located where no road drop off in fact threatens and in places no pedestrian or bicyclist can (no longer) seek safety in necessity or a place just to pause. (Most local automobile operators polled would far prefer going off the road slightly in snow to colliding into these new rails from Durham to Newmarket along 108 and curving into side roads off 108 now.)

In sum, I protest the overengineering and destruction of our Town roadways, canopies, character.

Please do what you can to save our scenery, air quality, and quality of life at this point.

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