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Subject: Eversource power lines on Durham Point Road
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Good afternoon, Michael,

I will not be able to attend the public hearing tomorrow evening as I am leaving for Europe this evening but would like my comments below to be included in the Citizens Comments on the town website. Thank you.

Francoise

To the Planning Board: I would like to voice my opposition to the tree cutting and tree trimming on Durham Point Road for the installation of significantly higher poles and 3-phase power. Like many residents, I was shocked to see the installation of many of these poles before the Planning Board had held a public hearing! Was Eversource not aware that they needed approval from the Planning Board? It is disturbing that they would start investing in this project without being convinced that it would go ahead.

I have carefully read all the public comments on the town website and I support the views of many Durham residents who oppose this extreme cutting on the scenic Durham Point Road, especially those of James Ehlen and Malcolm Sandberg. As Mr. Ehlen says, residential customers use 1-phase power and the only customer to use 3-phase power is the UNH Lab which makes this whole project seem like overkill. We have lived on Durham Point Road and Bay Road for 21 years and, yes, we have experienced power outages when extreme weather occurs. But I cannot believe that the situation will be any different with this so-called "upgrade" of the system. We live on a rural road and short of removing all the trees that might one day be a problem, there is no way to guarantee that there will be no power outages.

I urge you to please respect the "scenic" road designation of Durham Point Road and encourage Eversource to find an alternative solution that would not so drastically impact the beauty of this road.

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