

From: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Eversource - Letter to Planning Board on Eversource Cutting/Trimming on Scenic DPR - email from Jim Lawson
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 5:34:39 PM

To the Planning Board,
Please see the email chain below.

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From: Jim Lawson [mailto:lawsonje24@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Michael Behrendt
Subject: FW: Letter to Planning Board on Eversource Cutting/Trimming on Scenic DPR

This email should go to the planning board.

Thanks
Jim

From: Jim Lawson <lawsonje24@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:53 PM
To: 'Michael Behrendt' <mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us>
Subject: RE: Letter to Planning Board on Eversource Cutting/Trimming on Scenic DPR

Hi Michael,

You are welcome to forward my original emails to the members of the Deer Point Landowner's Association to the Planning Board to help address Mr. Meyrowitz letter. I think my neighbors comments reflect the varying views of the neighborhood, and it's disappointing to have people call into question views that differ than their own opinion – particularly with all the misinformation that has been endlessly propagated. Certainly many of my neighbors had no problem conveying that they are opposed to the project with some valuable comments and insights.

Thanks,
Jim

From: Jim Lawson <lawsonje24@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2019 8:38 AM
To
Subject: RE: Your feedback on the Durham Point Road Power Upgrade Project / Update

Good Morning,

Eversource has provided the town with a revised list of trees they want to remove during the installation of the new 3-phase line on Durham Point Road. The requested numbers has been reduced from 130+ trees to 48 trees. I have attached the list of trees from Eversource and the reason they are making the request. I have also requested more information on what some of the terms mean like “poor form” or “canopy form”.

Thanks,
Jim

From: Jim Lawson <lawsonje24@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 7:43 PM
To:
Subject: Your feedback on the Durham Point Road Power Upgrade Project

Dear Neighbors,

As some of you know, I am now in my third term on the Town Council. One issue discussed this week at the council and before the Town's planning board next week is removing trees for the power line project on Durham Point Road starting near the transfer station and continuing to the area of 300 Durham Point Road. Because Durham Point Road is designated a scenic road, the planning board must approve the trees Eversource wants to remove (you've probably seen the trees with red tape around them). Eversource has already placed new poles, which they are allowed to do. Which trees are removed, if any, will be negotiated between Eversource and the planning board – but regardless the character of Durham Point Road will be changed with the removal of some or all of the marked trees. If the project proceeds, however, then our neighborhood will experience much more reliable power without the 1+ week outages like we experienced during Hurricanes Irene and Sandy, and the October snow storm of 2012.

Some residents would prefer no changes on Durham Point Road and that the project not proceed because of the scenic impact –but leaving the area subject to more outages. Others prefer more reliable power – but leaving the scenic characteristics of Durham Point Road changed. There's really no right answer. Could you provide me feedback as to whether improved power reliability or the scenic characteristics of the road is more important to you??? Unfortunately, we can't have it both ways. Please reply to me, and don't "Reply All" so we can avoid dozens of emails filling everyone's mailbox. I appreciate your feedback.

There is a public hearing next Wednesday before the Planning Board. You may want to provide your feedback to the planning board during the hearing or send an email in advance with your comments to Town Planner Michael Behrendt at mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us

Thanks,
Jim

From: Michael Behrendt <mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us>

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 11:05 AM

To: external forward for jlawson <lawsonje24@comcast.net>

Subject: FW: Letter to Planning Board on Eversource Cutting/Trimming on Scenic DPR

Hi Jim,

Just for your interest. Josh refers to the poll that was sent to residents of Deer Meadow.

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From: Joshua Meyrowitz [<mailto:prof.joshua.meyrowitz@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 3:31 AM

To: Michael Behrendt; Karen Edwards

Cc: Todd Selig

Subject: Letter to Planning Board on Eversource Cutting/Trimming on Scenic DPR

Dear Michael and Karen,

Unfortunately, I will be unable to participate in this Wednesday's Planning Board hearing. Could you please see that the Planning Board has access to the attached 2-page letter prior to any decisions that they make.

Thank you,

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