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New London Planning Board
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RE: Soo Nipi Park Road/ October 13th Meeting Review

Dear New London Planning Board Members,

I am reaching out today in hopes you will reconsider and/or cancel the tree removal plans currently in place for Soo Nipi Park Road and up for a vote next week. This road is designated as a "Scenic Road" and taking down 75 trees and any additional pruning will destroy the scenic quality of this road and change it forever. This is disheartening considering the lake and the feeling you get when you approach it from this road. These are two of the main reasons this area of Lake Sunapee was top of my list when looking for a home.



Photo of Soo Nipi Park Road

In addition, there are only 7 roads with this designation in our town, so we must do all that we can to preserve their beauty. This road was designated as scenic long after we had electricity installed in this neighborhood, so it would seem we should work hard to maintain that beauty. Coming off of 103A, the transition from highway to beautiful scenery is so immediate that I fear any tree removal will take away from the separation of highway to neighborhood and to gorgeous Lake Sunapee.

I walk these roads daily and I can't imagine this is the last fall season I will see these trees and their daily transformation as nature intended. The above photo speaks volumes to my point. It would appear that Eversource has not given this their proper due diligence and a decision and plan going forward should not be finalized until they do so. Please don't error on the side of expediency over thoughtfulness. We all need to take both the care and responsibility of the beauty of this region.



Photo of Lighthouse View Road

I didn't see the plans for Lighthouse View Road (perhaps because it is not officially designated as a scenic road), but it is also a gorgeous tranquil road. I hope there are not plans to add telephone poles to this road vs putting them underground or adding capacity to the poles that already exist and are not currently on the road. In addition, this area is very prone to drainage/wetland issues so I worry that any cutting here will have a significant impact on the water quality of the lake.

I ask that the Planning Board not vote on this matter on the 13th and instead reconsider the plan and have Eversource out for a site visit. I would ask Eversource to present alternatives to the tree removal such as burying the lines, adding capacity to the existing route, or another route not along a Scenic Road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Brock-Wilson