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New London Planning Board  
375 Main Street  
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RE: Eversource Tree Removal Plan for Soo Nipi Road

Dear Planning Board Members,

Earlier this year, my wife and I purchased a home on Lighthouse View Road. The beauty of Lake Sunapee and the wonderful people of New London quickly made us decide to sell our home near Boston, become New Hampshire residents and make New London our permanent home. One of the reasons we so quickly decided on our home was the tranquility, beauty and history of Soo Nipi Park. It is with great concern and disappointment that we learned of the Eversource plan for the removal of 75 trees and the installation of numerous utility poles.

We had been told of the rare 'Scenic Road' designation of Soo Nipi Park Road and every day since February, have joined dozens of our New London neighbors from all over town to walk and enjoy the beauty of this road and surrounding area. Through the change of seasons we have enjoyed the canopy of trees on Soo Nipi Park Road, the wildlife and plant life they are part of and protect. The proposed scope of the Eversource proposed project we fear will forever change the character and natural beauty of this area of great historical and scenic value to our town.

While the need to provide reliable power is understood, we are concerned that all options available to achieve this objective may not have been fully explored. In particular;

- Can the existing power lines already running parallel to Soo Nipi Park Road be upgraded in order to preserve the scenic beauty of the road?
- What is the feasibility of burying these lines as a less invasive option which seemingly would achieve the same objectives?
- As the stated reason of the project is to bring power to lots at the very end of Lighthouse View Road, are there plans to also add poles and lines along Lighthouse View Road?
- Are there options available to bring power to the lots in question via other entry points in far closer proximity to these lots?

Given the long term impact of the existing plan, we respectfully ask the Planning Board to not vote on this matter on October 13<sup>th</sup>. It is in all of our best interests to explore all alternative solutions in order to preserve the beauty of this scenic road and area while also providing power to any new neighbors that may join us. It will be of great value to request a site visit from Eversource and also be provided with full information and details about the overall project while allowing all parties to ask questions and provide feedback.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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