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New London Town Planning Board
Adam Ricker, Town Planner
Town of New London
375 Main Street
New London, NH 03257

To the New London Town Planning Board and Adam Ricker, Town Planner:

We are writing to you to oppose Eversource's proposal to remove trees on scenic Soo Nipi Park Road. We are property owners on Pike Brook Road and drive, bike and walk down Soo Nipi Park Road many times per month to access our house. It is a beautiful, beautiful road with a canopy of towering trees that makes one remember what is rural New Hampshire. Soo Nipi Park Road is one of only seven Scenic Roads in New London; each of these should be fully protected to preserve the beauty and peace of this unique town. For a small preview of the road, please see photo on the next page.

Removing even a fraction of the 75 trees proposed to be removed would destroy this scenic quality and undermine the reason for designating this a Scenic Road. In addition, while Eversource says 75 trees will be removed, they don't say how many additional trees will be pruned or have branches removed. Finally, Eversource has not shown alternative ways to avoid the tree removal, such as burying the lines, using the existing route, or another route not along a Scenic Road.

Again we strongly oppose Eversource's proposal to remove trees on Soo Nipi Park Road. At the very least, we ask that the Planning Board schedule a site visit at Soo Nipi Park Road to adequately understand its unique beauty and town asset. In addition, we ask that the Planning Board not take a vote tonight, but allow time for a site visit and the public to consider all the options.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Richard B. Putnam
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Cc: Kim Halquist, Town Administrator

