



DANIEL A. SCHIMBERG

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Dear New London Planning board Chair and members,

SooNipi Park Road was designated scenic because New London residents and planners saw and understood the incredible beauty of this roadway.

When this was done in the mid 80's, the electric lines had been in for over 50 years. At that time, it was well known the need for electricity, electric lines and the continued maintenance would be an enduring need. The decision was made with this in mind and today is no different. New London has only 7 roads with this special designation.

As a commercial and residential developer for over 35 years, I personally understand utilities and easements. I am used to hiding, burying and maintaining them. Eversource enjoys an easement satisfactory for them to run, increase and maintain their lines. This request is only to make their company more profitable and easier to maintain the existing lines. There is no hardship, no life safety and no capacity that cannot be solved with the existing conditions.

It can easily be argued for the town of New London losing this designation means lower property values and a less desirable place to visit. This is an extremely valuable asset for our town and us as the residents who use and enjoy this scenic road every day. It simply should not be squandered after decades of preservation when the same alternate is still in place as it was when designated.

Lastly, it should be noted that we are not only talking about the 75 trees to be removed but the entire canopy over the road. This protected feeling and look is the root of the scenic designation and the road dead ends at a public lake entrance.

Jayna and I ask this board to seek alternates to this and to please stand by your predecessors and protect this lasting gem of New London.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan and Jayna", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dan and Jayna Schimberg

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