TOWN OF SUTTON

Pillsbury Memorial Hall
93 Main Street
Sutton Mills, NH 03221

Planning Board
December 13, 2016

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chair.

2. Roll call.

2. Minutes of 11/15/2016 and 11/29/2016.

3. Hearing – Eversource Tree Trimming.

4. Unfinished business.
   Work Session on Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations.

5. New business.

6. Communications.

7. Other business.

8. Adjournment.

EVERSOURCE
ENERGY

13 Legends Drive
Hooksett, NH 03106

November 4, 2016

Planning Board
Town of Sutton
PO Box 487
Sutton, NH 03260

Dear Planning Board Members:

This letter is to inform the Town of Sutton that Eversource is planning to trim and remove trees and brush adjacent to and beneath most of its power lines within the town. This work is necessary to insure the safe distribution of power and to improve reliability of electric service for our customers.

According to Eversource records, Blaisdell Hill, Corporation Hill, Harvey, Hominy Pot, Music Hill, North, Pennacook, Shadow Hill, Stone House, and Wadleigh Hill Roads and Keyser Street have been designated as scenic roads by the Town. Please consider this letter to be a request from Eversource for a public hearing for the purpose of the trimming and removal of trees on these and any other scenic roads within the proposed work area pursuant to RSA 231:158. Please inform this office of the date, time, and place of said meeting so that we may have a representative present.

Eversource specifications call for removal of brush and limbs less than four inches in diameter which are located within eight feet to the side of, ten feet below or fifteen feet above conductors. All trimming will be performed in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards. Larger trees or limbs which present a threat to Eversource lines or other equipment because of decay or other reason will be removed on a case by case basis. A list of trees which Eversource would like to take down is attached. All trees are marked in the field with red flagging unless otherwise noted.

Eversource contracts with professional tree care companies qualified to work in close proximity to energized conductors for the actual trimming and removal of trees. Eversource requires that our trimming contractors contact each landowner where trees are to be trimmed or removed prior to commencement of work on that property. Individual concerns will be addressed during that process.

All brush and limbs cut on roadside locations will be chipped. In wooded, undeveloped locations, these chips may be dispersed into the woods, taking care not to allow chips to accumulate in piles or in ditches. Near developed land, the chips will be blown into a truck and disposed of off-site. The chips make a good mulch and are often given to nearby property owners for landscaping purposes. If a central dumping location

could be arranged, Eversource would be happy to make any unclaimed chips available to the Town at no cost. Brush and limbs cut on inaccessible lines will be stacked to the side of the right-of-way and cut low to the ground. All wood will be left on site unless otherwise directed by the landowner.

Most of this work is not scheduled to begin until January. The work will continue throughout 2017.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me by U.S. mail at the above address, e-mail at David.Crane@eversource.com, or by telephone at 634-3867 or 1-800-286-5000 extension 634-3867.

Thank you for your concern and assistance.

Respectfully,

David R. Crane
Regional Arborist
Eversource Energy

Hazard Tree Assessment for Sutton, NH Scenic Roads

Street	Pole Numbers	Description
Stone House Rd.	70A/11 to 12	20" dead red maple.
Stone House Rd.	70A/13	9" dead fir.
Hominy Pot Rd.	623/14 to 15	22" pine with white pine blister rust.
Hominy Pot Rd.	623/15	16" rotten red maple.
Hominy Pot Rd.	98F/5 to 6	11.6" dead pine (closer to pole 6).
Hominy Pot Rd.	98F/2 to 3	10" dead birch.
Hominy Pot Rd.	98F/1 to 98-1/8	8" dying elm.
Keyser St.	98/20 to 22	33" pine close to phase; 36"+ pine with basal rot.
Keyser St.	98/23 to 25	36"+ dead pines.
Keyser St.	98/25	33" topped off dead pine.
Harvey Rd.	98-3/6 to 7	9" dead pine.
Keyser St.	98/33	19" sugar maple and 28" pine.
30 Keyser St.	98/54 to 56	26" pine rubbing neutral (has children at play sign, not flagged).
Penacook Rd.	98-6A/7 to 8	10" dead birch.
Penacook Rd.	98-6A/9	7" and 10" dead birches.
Penacook Rd.	98-6A/14 to 15	11.8" dead birch.
Penacook Rd.	98-6A/30	5.6" and 11.5" dead firs (across rd.).
Penacook Rd.	98-6A/31	31" pine close to phase.
Penacook Rd.	98-6A/36 to 37	8" and 10" dead birches.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6/8 to 10	13" dead red maple.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6/14 to 15	11.8" dead red maple.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6/15	12.2" dead pine; 11" dead yellow birch (across rd.).
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6/17 to 18	14" pine close to phase; 9", 8", 8", 9" and 5.8" dead pines.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6/18	11" dead pine.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6/18 to 19	Two 9" dead pines.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6/19 to 20	5.5", 5.9" dead pines; 8" dead birch.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6B/1 to 2	15" beech with trunk rot.
Wadleigh Hill Rd.	98-6B/3	18.5" rotten red maple (across rd.).
Corporation Hill Rd.	98-6B/19 to 19.5	18.1" rotten pine with orange paint (across rd.).
Corporation Hill Rd.	98-6B/19.5	11" dead pine (across rd.).
Corporation Hill Rd.	98-6B/20	25" red maple with rot on back side (across rd.).
Corporation Hill Rd.	98-6B/21	10" rotten red maple; 14" poplar with fruiting bodies; 11.7" and 10" red maples with fruiting bodies (across rd.).
Corporation Hill Rd.	98-6B/22	11" red maple with basal rot (across rd.).
Corporation Hill Rd.	97-5/6	7" dead ash.
Shadow Hill Rd.	99/42	21" rotten red maple (across rd.).
Shadow Hill Rd.	99/52 to 53	7" dying red maple.
North Rd.	99J/10	11" and 13" dead poplars.
North Rd.	99G/18 to 19	11" dead fir.
North Rd.	99G/11 to 12	13" poplar with fruiting bodies.
North Rd.	99G/4 to 5	10" birch with nectria canker.
North Rd.	99H/2	7" dead elm.
North Rd.	99H/4 to 5	15" hemlock with woodpecker holes.
North Rd.	99H/10 to 11	19" rotten sugar maple (across rd.).
North Rd.	99H/19 to 20	17" pine with woodpecker holes (across rd.).
North Rd.	99H/21 to 22	13" pine with woodpecker holes.
North Rd.	99H/33 to 34	6.4" dead elm.
North Rd.	99H/37 to 38	18.3" co-dominant red maple with split.
North Rd.	99H/38 to 39	16" oak close to phase.
North Rd.	99H/41 to 42	9" red maple with heart rot.
North Rd.	33/65Y to 66	11.7" pine with woodpecker holes.
North Rd.	33/64 to 65	10" dead oak; 9" red maple with fruiting bodies; 18.3" dead hemlock.
North Rd.	33C/1	10" yellow birch with rot on backside of trunk.
North Rd.	33C/2	13" dead basswood; 12.2" oak close to phase.
Blaisdell Hill Rd.	9-3/24 to 25	24.3" pine with trunk rot; 16" dead red maple.
Blaisdell Hill Rd.	9-3/36	17.9" rotten birch.
Blaisdell Hill Rd.	9-3E/3 to 4	9" dead birch.
Blaisdell Hill Rd.	9-3E/4	25" rotten oak (across rd.).

TOWN OF SUTTON

Planning Board

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

December 13, 2016

Pillsbury Memorial Hall, 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills

You are hereby notified of a Public Hearing to be held on December 13, 2016, at or around 7 p.m. at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall, 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills, NH, concerning a request by Eversource pursuant to RSA 231:158, to trim and remove trees on designated scenic roads and most of its power lines in the Town of Sutton. Documents are available at the Land Use Office in Town Hall or at http://www.sutton-nh.gov/Public_Documents/SuttonNH_Planning/index

TITLE XX
TRANSPORTATION

CHAPTER 231
CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGE DISTRICT HIGHWAYS

Scenic Roads

Section 231:158

231:158 Effect of Designation as Scenic Roads. –

I. As used in this subdivision, "tree" means any woody plant which has a circumference of 15 inches or more at a point 4 feet from the ground.

II. Upon a road being designated as a scenic road as provided in RSA 231:157, any repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or paving work done with respect thereto by the state or municipality, or any action taken by any utility or other person acting to erect, install or maintain poles, conduits, cables, wires, pipes or other structures pursuant to RSA 231:159-189 shall not involve the cutting, damage or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, except with the prior written consent of the planning board, or any other official municipal body designated by the meeting to implement the provisions of this subdivision, after a public hearing duly advertised as to time, date, place and purpose, 2 times in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, the last publication to occur at least 7 days prior to such hearing, provided, however, that a road agent or his designee may, without such hearing, but only with the written permission of the selectmen, remove trees or portions of trees which have been declared a public nuisance pursuant to RSA 231:145 and 231:146, when such trees or portions of such trees pose an imminent threat to safety or property, and provided, further, that a public utility when involved in the emergency restoration of service, may without such hearing or permission of the selectmen, perform such work as is necessary for the prompt restoration of utility service which has been interrupted by facility damage and when requested, shall thereafter inform the selectmen of the nature of the emergency and the work performed, in such manner as the selectmen may require.

III. Designation of a road as scenic shall not affect the eligibility of the town to receive construction, maintenance or reconstruction aid pursuant to the provisions of RSA 235 for such road.

IV. Designation of a road as a scenic road shall not affect the rights of any landowner with respect to work on his own property, except to the extent that trees have been acquired by the municipality as shade or ornamental trees pursuant to RSA 231:139-156, and except that RSA 472:6 limits the removal or alteration of boundary markers including stone walls.

V. A town may, as part of a scenic road designation under RSA 231:157 or as an amendment to such designation adopted in the same manner, impose provisions with respect to such road which are different from or in addition to those set forth in this section. Such provisions may include, but are not limited to, decisional criteria for the granting of consent by the planning board or other designated municipal body under paragraph II, or protections for trees smaller than those described in paragraph I, designated for the purpose of establishing regenerative growth along the scenic road.

VI. Any person who violates this section or any local provision adopted under this section shall be guilty of a violation and shall be liable for all damages resulting therefrom.

Source. RSA 253:18. 1971, 455:1. 1973, 586:2. 1981, 87:1. 1983, 122:2. 1991, 134:3, 4. 1992, 160:2, eff. July 5, 1992.