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PLAINFIELD RESIDENTS

The Planning Board, in accordance with RSA 231, will hold scenic road hearing on **Monday October 5th 2020** starting at **7:00pm at the Meriden Town Hall 110 Main Street/Via Zoom**. The hearing concerns a request by Eversource Energy to perform routine tree trimming line maintenance on the following Plainfield scenic roads: Daniels Rd (1973), Kenyon (1973) and River Road (1972). Information on how to join the meeting and outlining the requested road side trimming is available online at www.plainfieldnh.org/planning.html and at the town office at 110 Main Street Meriden village. For those that wish to attend, a site visit to the locations will take place the day of the hearing **at 3:00pm starting at the Plainfield Town Hall, 1079 Route 12A Plainfield**. All are welcome, masks required.

PLAINFIELD PLANNING BOARD

September, 4 2020

Town of Plainfield
110 Main St
Plainfield, NH 03781

Dear Planning Board Members:

This letter is to inform the Town of Plainfield that Eversource is planning to trim trees and remove brush adjacent to and beneath 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 the following roads have been designated as scenic roads by the Town:

- o Daniels Road
- o Kenyon Road
- o River Road (one section of wires crossing over river road from Ferry Hill Rd)

Please consider this letter to be a request from Eversource for a public hearing for the trimming of trees and removal of brush on these scenic roads within the proposed work area pursuant to RSA 231:158. Please inform this office of the 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 work will be performed in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards. All brush and limbs cut on roadside locations will be chipped.

Eversource has contracted with Asplundh Tree Expert Company to perform the actual trimming of trees. Eversource requires that our trimming contractors contact each landowner where trees are to be trimmed prior to commencement of work on that property. Individual concerns will be addressed at this time.

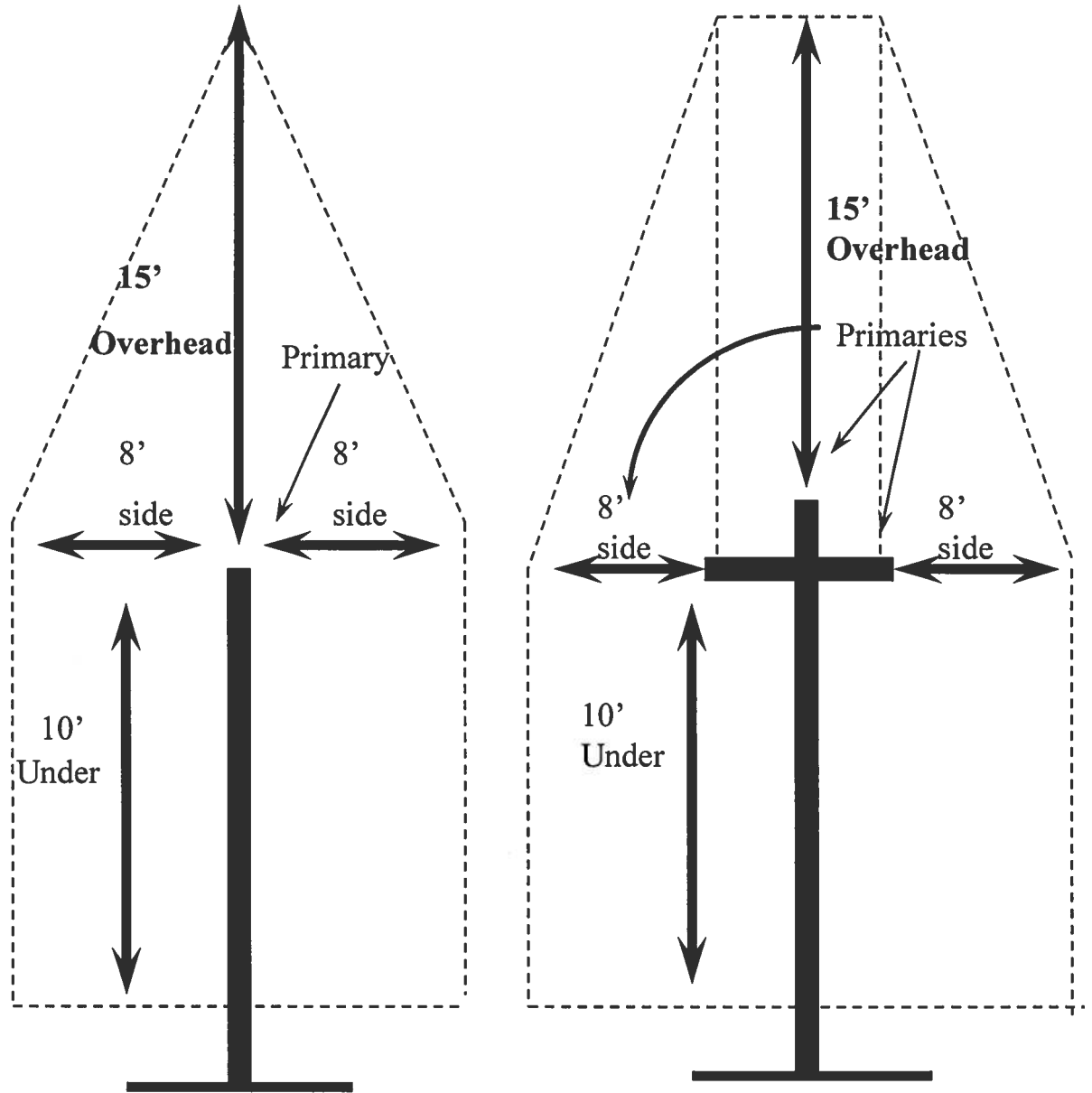
If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at Dane.Darcangelo@eversource.com or telephone at 603-303-6199.

Thank you for your concern and assistance.

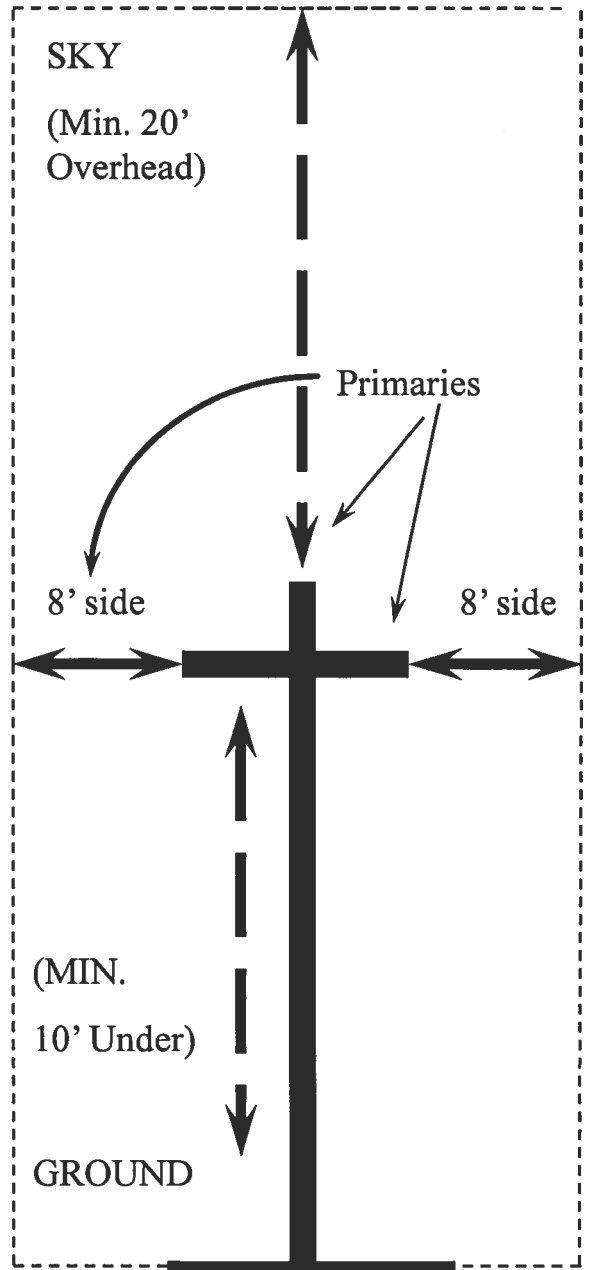
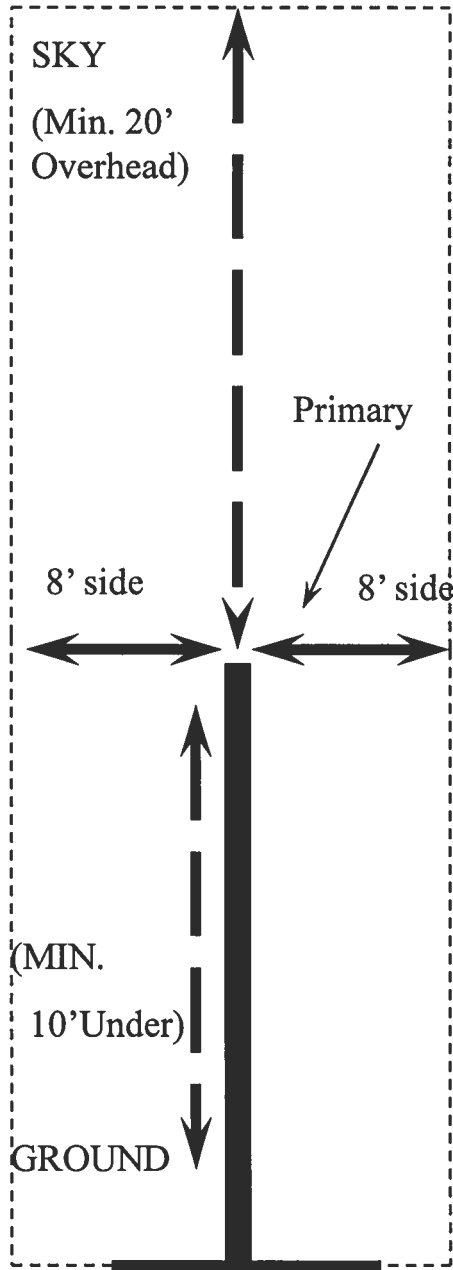
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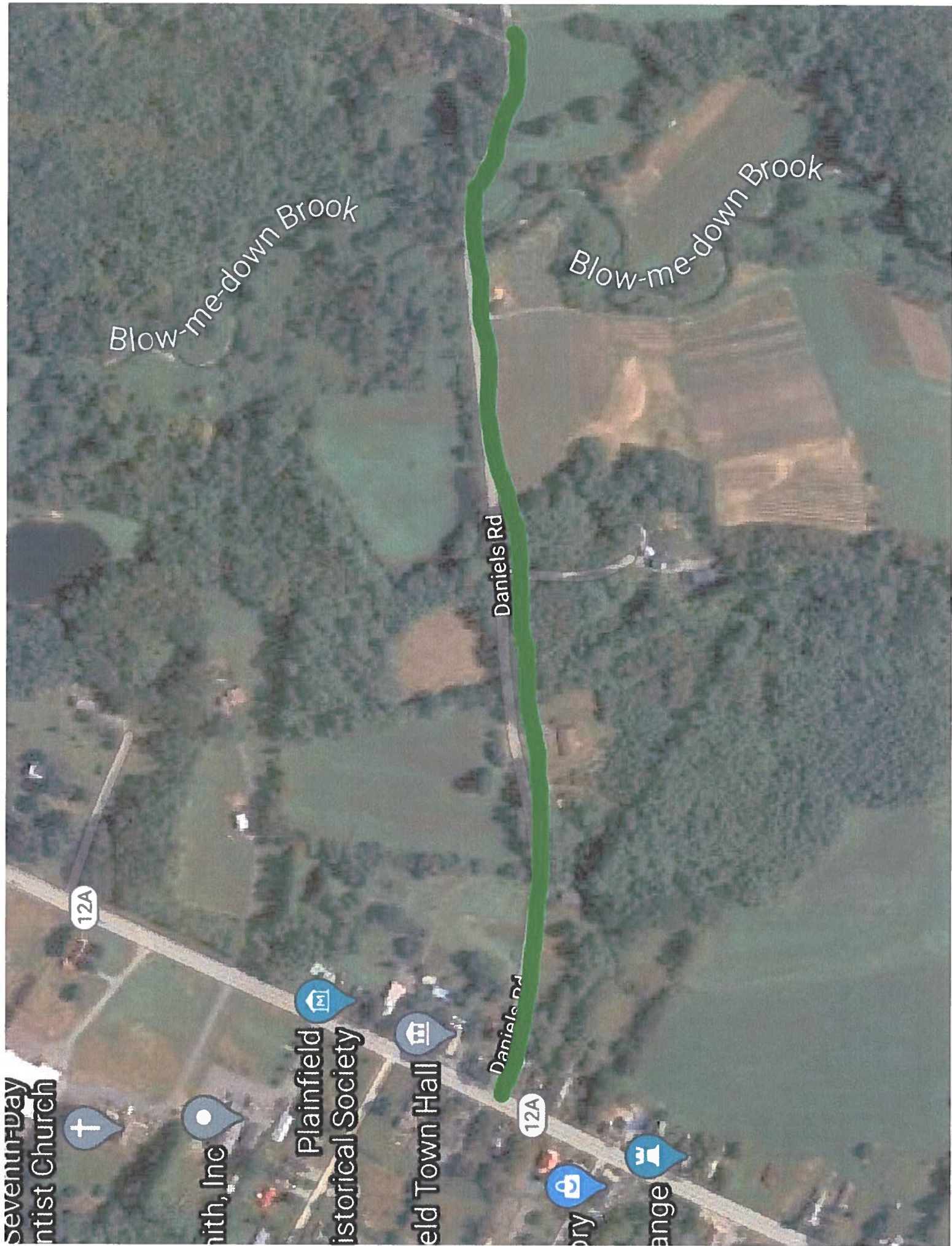
Dane D'Arcangelo
Arborist
Eversource Energy

Scheduled Maintenance Trimming



Enhanced Tree Trimming







Kenyon Rd

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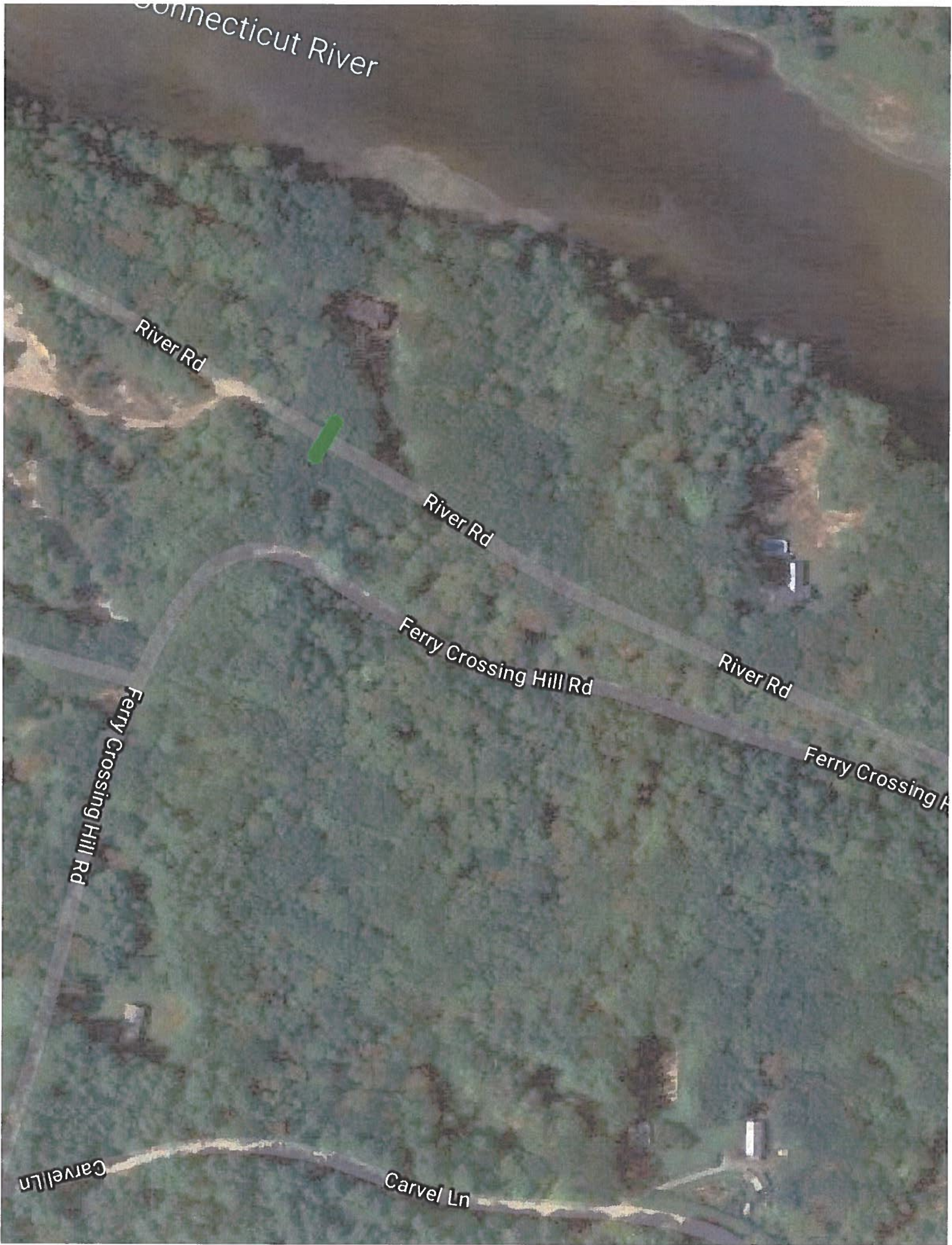
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TITLE XX TRANSPORTATION

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.