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**Notice of Decision**  
**Scenic Road Determination**

Right of way of Cross Street from the intersection with Howe Street to the intersection with Deer Ridge Road, and on Howe Street from the intersection with Cordaville Road to the Ashland-Hopkinton Town Line.

Date: June 10, 2025

To: Town Clerk

CC: Board of Selectmen  
Conservation Commission  
Tree Warden  
Historical Commission  
Department of Public Works

Re: Scenic Roads Application Maintenance Tree Pruning on Olive St., Spring St., Eliot St., Cherry St., Cedar St., Fountain St. and Frankland Road.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 15C and Chapter 249, Section 20, of the Town of Ashland Code (Scenic Roads), the Ashland Planning Board heard the petition of Eversource Energy for a Scenic Roads maintenance tree pruning request. The pruning will occur at the right of way of Cross Street from the intersection with Howe Street to the intersection with Deer Ridge Road, and on Howe Street from the intersection with Cordaville Road to the Ashland-Hopkinton Town Line.

The pruning will remove all vegetation 10 feet to the sides and below, and 15 feet above the primary electrical conductors. No trees 8 inches or greater measured 4 feet from the ground or major branches are permitted for removal.

In accordance with the provisions of the Ashland Scenic Road Bylaw, the Ashland Planning Board held a public hearing on Thursday March 9, 2023. Public notice was published in the MetroWest Daily newspaper.

Based on the evidence presented on June 10, 2025, the Planning Board grants the approval to conduct the maintenance tree pruning at the sites listed in the application.

***Documents of Record***

- Application filed with the Ashland Town Clerk on June 5, 2025.
- A seven (7) page map showing the areas of planned work, entitled “455-H3”; Dated January 8, 2025; Scale: 1” = 0.55 mile (page 1); Scale 1” = 0.2 mile (pages 2-7) Prepared by Eversource

Materials submitted during the discussion process:

- Public Hearing Notice appeared in the MetroWest Daily News on June 26, 2025 and July 3, 2025 and filed with the Ashland Town Clerk June 5, 2025.

***Decision / Facts and Findings***

Following a presentation by the Applicant and review by Planning Board members of all documentation and public comment, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Eversource requested tree maintenance on the Scenic Roads as described above.

This decision requires the applicant to incorporate traffic control details upon town recommendation, tree work to comply with ANSI A300 pruning standards and public notice, including a specific project contact, be given to abutters at least a week prior to the start of maintenance pruning.

**Planning Board Vote:  
Scenic Road Determination**

Vote: Approved (4-0-0)

(Y) Tricia Kendall, Chair

(Y) Anna Tesmenitsky, Vice Chair

(Y) Lakshmi Krishnan, Clerk

(Y) Deepa Venkat

*(A) = Absent or not present during the entire hearing process and therefore not eligible to vote.*

*(NA) = Associate Member no vote cast*

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 15C and Chapter 249, Section 20, of the Town of Ashland Code (Scenic Roads).

**Town of Ashland Planning Board**

  
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Patricia Kendall,  
Planning Board Chair