

**Planning Board of Sugar Hill  
October 12, 2011**

**Members:** John Strasser, Arthur Chase, David Thurston, Jim Keefe, Amy Venezia

**Guests:** Ann Hartmann, George Hartmann, Scott Merrow (PSNH), Ray Whitney (Asplundh), Bea Hebert (PSNH), Timothy Williams, Janet Williams

**PSNH**

**Intent to Cut Scenic Roads**

**Pole Location Plan Lover's Lane and Pearl Lake Road**

PSNH presented their plan on pole location for Lover's Lane to the Board. They explained that they met with landowners on this road last week to discuss this plan. Mr. Merrow explained that the project would not be completed this year but would be started sometime next year because of timing. He went on to explain that the reason for this project is to move the lines onto the road from their current location to assist with maintenance of the lines routinely and when there is a problem. John Strasser noted that Selectperson Margo Connors met with Jim Cavanaugh and together they walked the line of this project. Ray Whitney, Asplundh noted that green ribbons have been placed on the trees that they are looking to remove, which is approximately 18 all together. He explained that they are trying to keep the canopy but some removal is necessary for maintenance purposes. They explained that the poles are 6-8 feet off the edge of the road when questioned. Ray Whitney explained that Asplundh contacts every landowner where trees are going to be trimmed and if the landowner lives out of town they are sent a pamphlet explaining the process. Mr. Hartmann, landowner, asked what would happen if a landowner says no to placement of poles on their property. John Strasser explained that if the landowner does object the Selectmen would work together with PSNH and the landowner to reach an agreement. He went on to state that this has happened in the past and that they were able to reach an agreement through this process. There were questions on the height on the poles and how far apart they are from each other. Scott Merrow answered that the poles are 250' in apart and about 34' of pole is above the ground when placed. A question about the current easements being released after the project was answered that yes this would be possible after the relocation of the poles is completed. PSNH presented plans to the Board regarding relocating poles out of the woods into the road on a small section of Pearl Lake Road. They noted that they would like to install 2 new poles and replace 1 and a total of about 13 trees would be removed in the process. They stated that the reason for the relocation on Pearl Lake Road is the same as Lovers Lane.

With no further questions, on a motion made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Arthur Chase the projects were moved to be approved. **PASSED**

With no more business, on a motion made Jim Keefe, seconded by Arthur Chase the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Amy Venezia