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HAND DELIVERED Town of Falmouth c/o Randy Davis 271 Falmouth Road Falmouth, Maine 04105

DEBORAH A. BUCCINA

Dear Town Councilors:

Enclosed is the petition from the residents of Old Mill Road objecting to the proposed removal of two street lights on our road.

We trust that this petition will be presented to the Town Council as it considers this issue.

We will be sending representation to the town meeting on Monday, May 24th to stress the public safety concerns of our neighborhood over this issue.

Thank you.

Deborah Buccina and

Very truly yours,

Residents of Old Mill Road

Enclosure

Falmouth Street Light Form

Name Resilents of OID MIN ROGEL.
Address
Telephone (day) (evening)
E-mail Address
Request to: (choose one)
Keep Current Street Light (that is scheduled to be eliminated/ turned off) Note: all street lights to be turned off are tagged with a green sign,
OR
Remove Street Light that is not on elimination list Street Name Old Mell Road Pole # 4 and 5
Reason for Request:
Signature Date: My 17, 201.0

This form will be forwarded to the Council for their review.

Please e-mail this form to: rdavis@town.falmouth.me.us. If you prefer, you can mail this form to Town of Falmouth, c/o Randy Davis, 271 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, ME 04105. If you have any questions, please call 781-5253 x 5337.

We, the residents of Old Mill Road, strongly oppose the Town of Falmouth's proposed plan to eliminate two Central Maine Power lighting poles, #4 and #5, on Old Mill Road. We have three concerns:

- Pedestrian Safety
- Vehicle Safety
- Neighborhood Security

Old Mill Road has street lights placed on only one side and is a very dark, wooded road. Elderly people and young children live on the road. Old Mill Road enters from Route 88 and is initially straight but quickly turns almost ninety degrees in a blind curve to the left. There are two private residential driveways immediately after the blind curve where reaction time is minimal. If hindered by no lights, pedestrians and vehicles would be endangered. The road straightens for about 75 yards then drops quickly in a steep decline. This is the area that would be in the dark and is already difficult with lights and reduced speed.

If the street lights are eliminated a distance of over one quarter of a mile will be left unlit on a curve thereby endangering the safety of the Old Mill Road residents

Our neighborhood has a large wooded area behind the street lights that is known to be a gathering place for teenagers. The large wooded area is frequented by youths who sometimes congregate in the area to consume alcohol or drugs. The lack of a street light here would be a magnet for kids looking for cover. We have had robberies in our neighborhood, and deer and fox regularly cross the roadway. Eliminating the street lights will increase the danger on the roadway due to all these factors.

We ask that the lighting poles remain in operation for the safety and well being of our residents. To do otherwise would be negligent.

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