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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting undergrounding
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Dear Councilmembers,

I'm writing a brief note in support of the agenda item covering utilities undergrounding in Ross.

Undergrounding utilities is valuable work the town should prioritize on safety (incl. fire risk), reliability, and aesthetic grounds. These are significant investments that future generations of Ross residents will thank us for.

It's great to see significant projects like West Ross and Upper Road moving forward with resident support.

Several of us have started a conversation with neighbors living on North, East, West, and Hill roads to see about forming our own district and, hopefully, moving quickly to benefit from some synergies with the West Ross project.

My ask of the council and town staff would be to figure out how we might facilitate, accelerate, and streamline this kind of work to minimize costs and timelines. With more coordination and larger projects, might we be able to save on planning costs, town staff time, execution costs, staff and resident time, and even financing costs? Can we optimize our capital improvements projects (e.g. repaving) to align with planned undergrounding districts? Can we try to get undergrounding efforts recognized by home insurance companies and reflected in rates and coverage options?

I know the town has many priorities, but do hope this is one area we can make a commitment to prioritize in coming months and years.

Best,
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