

## **Scenic Road restrictions**

The statutes that cover Scenic Roads state that any major change to the road (such as road widening, straightening, or paving if not previously paved) or the cutting, damage or removal of large trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls along the right of way cannot be done without prior written consent by the town governing body as well as public notification and a hearing. This enables both abutters and the general public to understand the reasons for the proposed changes, and a chance to express their views on those changes.

It does not affect the normal maintenance of the road or the public right of way. Normal trimming and clearing of smaller trees and brush is not affected by the Scenic Road designation;

These hearings can be waived in the case of an emergency (imminent threat to safety or property) or as required for prompt restoration of utility services.