

The Town of Sutton is a Tree City USA and a Preserve America Community. From our historic mills to our rolling hills, we value our heritage in every form it takes.



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Scenic Roadway Bylaw

Sutton, MA



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The Scenic Roadway Bylaw was enacted at the 1988 Town Meeting. Nineteen of the Town's roadways have been designated as scenic roadways as follows:

Boston Rd, Century Farm Rd, Lincoln Rd, Eight Lots Rd, Town Farm Rd, Mendon Rd, Rich Rd, Manchaug Rd, Purgatory Rd, Buttonwood Ave, Hartness Rd, Central Turnpike, Douglas Rd, Waters Rd, West Sutton Rd, Burbank Rd, Sibley Rd, Stone School Rd, and Hutchinson Rd.

If you wish to alter a stone wall or remove trees along or within the Town right-of-way on these roadways, you must apply to the Planning Board and undergo a public hearing to make proposed changes. Alterations to trees also require the consent of the Tree Warden which shall be handled in the same hearing process.



What is the Town Right of Way?

Each town road consists of the paved surface you see and between 5-20 feet to either side of the pavement that is owned and controlled by the Town.



What is the process?

Application: Contact the Planning Office to obtain an application. You will need to submit the following:

- An explanation of why you have no choice but to alter a wall and/or tree
- Photos of the area you will effect (you will need to provide marking on the wall/trees).
- Certified list of abutters within 100'

Hearing: After the application is complete, the Planning Office will schedule a hearing at the next available meeting. You will need to be present to answer questions.

Consideration: The Planning Board will view the wall and tree(s) in question. They will also seek the input of the Tree Warden on trees in accordance with Public Shade Tree Law. The Board will consider, among other things, whether there is any alternative to causing alterations or removals.

Mitigation: If a removal of wall is authorized, and gaps exist elsewhere in the wall, it is likely the Board will require filling of these gaps with stones that are removed from the new break. If tree removal is authorized, it is likely that the applicant will have to replant trees in the area at the Tree Warden's direction as replacements, or give a donation to the Town's tree planting fund as mitigation for removal of these public assets.

