

Regular, routine maintenance and repairs of the road are not affected by this law. Perhaps most significantly, the designation of a road as scenic establishes a mechanism for public input before the highway department carries out its work. To property owners along the road, this opportunity is much preferred over having to react emotionally while the work is going on or after it has been completed.

The Town of Hanover has adopted a "Scenic Road Policy Statement" that strengthens the New Hampshire law. This policy statement is as follows:

"If any road is designated by a Town Meeting vote to be a scenic road as provided in RSA 253:17 and 18, then the Town of Hanover will use its best efforts to make certain that any repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving work required on such road in order to keep the roads suitable for travel as required by State Law will be performed in such a manner, to the extent possible, to maintain and preserve the esthetic qualities of the scenic roads and unique flora and natural and historical landmarks. This commitment is made having in mind that the primary purpose of highways is for vehicular and pedestrian travel under conditions to allow such travel to be done safely. Before any reconstruction or reworking beyond routine regularly scheduled maintenance is undertaken, all abutters and the general public shall have the opportunity to review and comment on plans at a public meeting.

Routine, regularly scheduled maintenance is defined as grading, sealing or overlays where applicable; clearing ditches and removing brush and tree limbs which impair the sight distance in the traveled way or impair the effectiveness of the ditching process; and the replacement of culverts and removal of dead trees where necessary."

Table V-3 presents a listing of Scenic Roads in Hanover.

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Scenic Roads in Hanover

Rope Ferry Road	Hilton Field Lane	Ridge Road
Clement Road	Pleasant Street	Reservoir Road
Pinneo Road	River Road	Goodfellow Road
King Road	Three Mile Road	Ruddsboro Road
Mountain Road	Goss Road	Goose Pond Road
	Ferson Road (1989 Town Mtg.)	

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The individual qualities of the designated scenic roads should be preserved.
- Designation of new scenic roads should be encouraged.