

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Covered Bridge Road (Town Highway #52)

Description of Designated Road Section

Entire length, 0.85 miles, extending from the northwest intersection of State Aid Highway #3 and TH #52 to the southeast intersection of SAH #3 and TH #52, at the Covered Bridge.

Rationale

Covered Bridge Road is a highly scenic road distinguished by an overhanging tree canopy for much of its length, views of the Worcester Range, including Stowe Pinnacle, a pond and wetland 3/10 of a mile in from Stowe Hollow Road, an old apple orchard and stonewall complex 4/10 of a mile in, and the historic covered bridge known as Emily's Bridge.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Normal brush removal, including maintaining the views to the Worcester Range
3. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
4. Maintenance of Emily's Bridge
5. Extra brush removal around Emily's Bridge
6. Maintenance of a turn-out area just northwest of the bridge.
7. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
8. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: September 25, 1989.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Edson Hill Road (Town Highway #23)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 0.6 miles. Starting at the driveway leading to the Stowehof Hotel and continuing on to the intersection with Sanborn Road.

Rationale

This portion of Edson Hill Road provides one of the most beautiful and arresting views in the entire Town of Stowe.

Driving north, the views to the west and north are spectacular. These include a very close view of the complete ridge of Mount Mansfield and an excellent view of the Ranch Valley.

Driving south, the views to the west and south are also spectacular. These include a vista towards the Barrows Road valley with the mountains visible on both sides.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Routine maintenance and repaving of the road as needed
2. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic view
3. Normal roadside brush cutting
4. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
5. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: August 13, 1990

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Luce Hill Road (Town Highway #41)

Description of Designated Road Section

From the intersection of TH 42, Trapp Hill Road and TH #41 for a distance of 0.52 miles northwest to the end of the Class 3 portion of TH #41

Rationale

This short, unpaved section of Luce Hill Road (0.52 miles) is lined by stone walls is bordered by a brook, includes two old cemeteries, has a canopy of overhanging trees, and enjoys panoramic views to the northeast. A mixture of open fields, old apple trees, and forests line the road.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Grading and re-graveling as needed
3. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views
4. Normal roadside brush cutting
5. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
6. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: September 5, 1989.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Maple Run Lane – (Town Highway #7)

Description of Designated Road Section

Entire length from the intersection of West Hill Road (TH #8) to the intersection with “Billings Rd.” (approximately 1.6 miles.) The remaining 1.3 miles was reclassified as a legal town trail in 2006.

Rationale

Maple Run Lane is a very quiet, narrow country lane. Vegetation is beautiful with rows of old trees and leaf tunnel effects. A grove of grand old oaks lines the entrance. The road passes by remnants of old stone walls, various brooks, and several wetlands. While the road has few truly outstanding features, the general character of the road is well worth preserving.

The first .6 miles of the road is maintained by the Town. The road is privately maintained to the last driveway on the left (1501 Maple Run Lane).

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Grading and re-graveling as needed Normal roadside brush cutting, as well as additional brush cutting as needed to expose stone walls
3. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
4. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: December 19, 1994.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Nebraska Valley Road (Town Highway #43)

Description of Designated Road Section

From the Mt. Mansfield State Forest sign [Michigan Bridge] to Lake Mansfield)

Rationale

This 0.95 mile stretch of Nebraska Valley Road has a unique, "unspoiled" flavor. Except for the limited activity of the Lake Mansfield Trout Club, there are no other signs of development. A thick overhanging tree canopy envelopes much of the road. Miller Pond Buttermilk Falls and view of the valley headwall can be seen through the trees lining the road. Near the end of the road are large rock outcroppings. An old (1925) water trough is located here as well. At the end is the picturesque Lake Mansfield and Trout Club building.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Normal roadside brush cutting
3. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
4. Extra clearing occasionally to keep views of the valley headwall and Buttermilk Falls
5. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
6. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: September 25, 1989.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Sanborn Road (Town Highway #21)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 0.5miles, extending from Edson HillRoad to the beginning of the Robinson Springs Road.

Rationale

The road is more than 140 years old. It runs between The Red House, which was built by Eli Edson in 1840, and The Red Barn, which in itself is a most unusual example of old Vermont architecture. Lining some parts of the road are the original Vermont stone walls belonging to the farmland. Part of the road is also lined with a canopy of birch and pine trees. One of the main brooks running from Edson Hill to the valley crosses under the road.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
3. Normal roadside brush cutting, as well as additional brush cutting as needed to expose stone walls
4. Maintenance of ditches to insure good drainage
5. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW.

Date of Designation: February 12, 1990

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Shaw Hill Road (Town Highway #49)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 0.9 miles, extending from River Road to the end of the road.

Rationale

The road is lined with fields and woods and has views of the valley and surrounding mountains.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
3. Normal roadside brush cutting
4. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
5. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views of the mountains
6. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: May 14, 1990

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Sterling Valley Road (Town Highway #6)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 1.5 miles, extending from Sterling Cemetery to the end of the road.

Rationale

The road has several good qualities and great potential. It has views of the valley and surrounding mountains. It is lined with woods and passes some marshes and wetlands. It also passes Sterling Cemetery. The road was reclassified from Class 4 to Class 3 in 1996.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
3. Normal roadside brush cutting
4. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views of the mountains
5. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
6. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: July 26, 1996

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Taber Hill Road (Town Highway #33)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 1.1 miles, extending from 0.5 miles after the junction with Stowe Hollow Road to the driveway leading to 778 Taber Hill Rd. (0.3 miles before the junction with Cross Road).

Rationale

This section of Taber Hill Rd. has panoramic views of the mountains and the valley that are quite spectacular. It also passes picturesque farmsteads as well as orchards, fields and woods.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Normal roadside brush cutting
2. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views
3. General road maintenance, including repaving as needed
4. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: May, 14 1990.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name Tamarack Road (Town Highway #9)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 0.9 miles, extending from Weeks Hill Road to the dead end.

Rationale

Lining some parts of the road are old stone walls and wooden fences belonging to the farmlands of the past. Most of the road is lined with a canopy of trees. The road also passes a picturesque old farmstead.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
3. Normal roadside brush cutting, as well as additional brush cutting as needed to expose stone walls
4. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
5. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: February 12, 1990.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Tansy Hill Road (Town Highway #12)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 0.5 miles, extending from Stagecoach Road to the end of the road.

Rationale

The road has views of the Route 100 valley and the Worcester Range. It is a quiet country road lined with fields and woods. The upper end provides the spectacular view of the mountains to the east.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead limbs/trees
2. Normal roadside brush cutting
3. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views
4. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
5. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
6. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of Designation: May 14, 1990.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Trapp Hill Road (Town Highway #42)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 1.70 miles, extending from the end of the pavement after Trapp Family Lodge to the junction with Nebraska Valley Road.

Rationale

Lining the road are rows of trees, beautiful forests, open fields, farmlands and leaf tunnel effects. The upper section of the road offers spectacular panoramic views of the Green Mountains, Worcester Range and Nebraska Notch.

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Normal roadside brush cutting
3. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW on the upper section of the road to maintain the scenic views
4. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
5. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
6. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW
7. Installation of Corten steel guardrails if the Stowe Selectboard determines that they are needed to ensure public safety

Date of Designation: May 14, 1990.

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Upper Hollow Road (Town Highway 153)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 1.0 miles, extending from Pinnacle Road to Stowe Hollow Road (Grand View Farm).

Rationale

Old farmhouses, trees, streams, stone walls, meadows and open hillsides line the road. The scenes and views from the road are among the more spectacular of Stowe.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Removal of dead trees and limbs
2. Normal roadside brush cutting, as well as additional brush cutting as needed to expose stone walls
3. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views
4. Grading and re-gravelling as needed
5. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views
6. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
7. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of designation: February 12, 1990

Scenic Road Designation

Road Name: Weeks Hill Road (Town Highway #23)

Description of Designated Road Section

Length: 2.8 miles, extending from Edson Hill Road to Percy Hill Rd.

Rationale

The road is one of the most scenic roads in Stowe. The vegetation is beautiful with significant stands of trees, rows of old trees, and leaf tunnel effects. The views of Stowe Village and the surrounding mountains are spectacular. There are old stone walls lining parts of the road. It also passes marshes, wetlands and old farmsteads.

Maintenance

Permitted road maintenance may include, but shall not substantially alter the significant characteristics listed in the Rationale:

1. Maintenance of ditches to ensure good drainage
2. Removal of dead trees and limbs
3. Routine roadside brush cutting, as well as additional brush cutting as needed to expose stone walls
4. The clearing of trees within the highway ROW to maintain the scenic views
5. General road maintenance, including repaving as needed
6. Routine maintenance of the utility line ROW

Date of designation: February 12, 1990.