

2024 Annual Town Meeting Draft

Article ____ Scenic Road Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by enacting a new Bylaw entitled Scenic Road Bylaw as set forth below, with the correct Section number to be assigned by the Town Clerk.

Scenic Road Bylaw

I. GENERAL

A. Purpose – This Bylaw is enacted for the purpose of further protecting the natural beauty that currently exists within the rights-of-way of select roads in the Town of Medway pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 40, section 15C.

B. Designated Scenic Roads – The twenty-four roads designated as Scenic Roads at the Town Meeting of December 30, 1975 and an additional one road designated as a Scenic Road at the Town Meeting of May 14, 2001. Additional roads may be designated as Scenic Roads by vote of Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 40, section 15C.

C. Regulations – The Planning and Economic Development Board may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Bylaw, including but not limited to procedures for submission and review of applications, application requirements, filing fees, waivers, decision criteria, and other matters.

II. PROCEDURES

The procedure for filing an application and for the public hearing are governed by M.G.L. chapter 40, section 15C and the Board's Rules and Regulations for Review and Issuance of Scenic Road Permits.

III. ENFORCEMENT

A. Failure to file – A person's failure to file with the Board for a Scenic Road Work Permit for the cutting or removal of a tree(s) or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof within the right-of-way on a Scenic Road will necessitate that person's immediate filing for the required permit. Restoration measures, as determined by the Board after a Scenic Road public hearing, may be required.

B. Compliance – The failure by an applicant to comply with the duly issued decision of the Board in a Scenic Road Work Permit after one year from issuance may necessitate the enforcement of remedial measures which the Board deems necessary, including, but not limited to enforcement through non criminal disposition and additional restoration measures.

C. Enforcement – The Building Commissioner, the Tree Warden, the Director of Public Works or his/her designee may enforce violations of this Bylaw.

D. Penalties- Anyone who violates the provisions of this Bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00 per violation. As an alternative means of enforcement,

the violator may be subject to non criminal disposition in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 40, Section 21D, as follows:

1. First offense: \$100 per violation;
2. Second offense: \$200 per violation;
3. Third and all subsequent offenses: \$300 per violation;
4. Each day's failure to comply shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Or act in any manner related thereto.