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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM, NH

To: Planning Board
Date: 28 Aug 2019
Re: Scenic Road tree cutting

Planning Board Members:

At your Sept. 11 meeting, the Town's contracted engineer Josh Bouchard (CMA) and I will be asking for your approval for the removal of trees along Ledge Farm Rd., as part of a road reconstruction project. Ledge Farm is designated as a Scenic Road, subject to the requirements of RSA 231:158.

Ledge Farm is likely the busiest gravel road in town, and has been the subject of deliberations at Town Meeting for the past two years. In March, Town Meeting appropriated funds for reconstruction and paving, which will start in October. This is the first of a multi-phase reconstruction of the road between Rocky Hill Rd. and the Epping town line.

This year's work is on the treacherous corner and hill around house #60. Between the existing pavement by Rocky Hill Rd. and the driveway at #70, the slope will be evened out and the corners softened before paving, to improve road safety and ease maintenance. A number of trees in the new path of the road or in new drainage swales need to be removed. There will be no impact to stone walls.

Detailed reconstruction plans are attached, a large print set is available in my office, and Joanna has a smaller print set. Trees that may need to be removed were marked today with a white dot. A few of those marked may be preserved depending upon decisions made in the field. Some trees in this area are marked with old white checkered tape, which is unrelated to town work. These *may* be related to work requested by Eversource and approved by the Planning Board in April of 2016.

We would appreciate hearing any questions or concerns prior to your meeting on the 11th, as your approval that night will help us keep the project on schedule and have paving complete before winter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Sterndale