



STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Board members
FROM: Mark Connors
FOR: June 3, 2025
RE: Bridge Street – Scenic Road Public Hearing – Tree Removal

The Town of Hamilton Department of Public Works is planning a road improvement project for portions of Bridge Street (between Bay Road and Miles River Road) and Miles River Road. The proposed work includes drainage improvements and improvements to sidewalks. Additionally, several existing trees within the right-of-way are proposed to be preserved. However the work also includes the removal of two trees on Bridge Street in proximity to the Miles River crossing on the north side of the road to accommodate proposed drainage facilities. Due to the proximity of the proposed work to a wetland (Miles River), the improvements require approval of the Conservation Commission, an application of which is currently pending.

Bridge Street is a designated Scenic Road under M.G.L. Ch. 40 S. 15C (see attached statutory language). Staff was not able to locate a Scenic Road bylaw specific to Hamilton so the statutory language should guide the Planning Board review. The proposed road improvement plans, a narrative from the Town's engineering consultant, public hearing/notice information, photos, and associated materials are provided for the Board's review.

Part I ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

Title VII CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS

Chapter 40 POWERS AND DUTIES OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Section 15C SCENIC ROAD DESIGNATIONS; IMPROVEMENTS; FINES

Section 15C. Upon recommendation or request of the planning board, conservation commission or historical commission of any city or town, such city or town may designate any road in said city or town, other than a numbered route or state highway as a scenic road; provided, however, that a numbered route may be designated by a city or town as a scenic road if its entire length is contained within the boundaries of said city or town, and no part of said route is owned or maintained by the commonwealth.

After a road has been designated as a scenic road any repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or paving work done with respect thereto shall not involve or include the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, except with the prior written consent of the planning board, or if there is no planning board, the selectmen of a town, or the city council of a city, after a public hearing duly advertised twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, as to time, date, place and purpose, the last publication to occur at least seven days prior to such hearing; provided, however, that when a

public hearing must be held under the provisions of this section and under section three of chapter eighty-seven prior to the cutting or removal of a tree, such hearings shall be consolidated into a single public hearing before the tree warden and the planning board, or if there is no planning board, the selectmen of a town, or the city council of a city, and notice of such consolidated public hearing shall be given by the tree warden or his deputy as provided in said section three of chapter eighty-seven. Any city or town making said scenic road designation may make an ordinance or by-law establishing that a violation of this paragraph shall be punished by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars.

Designation of a road as a scenic road shall not affect the eligibility of a city or town to receive construction or reconstruction aid for such road pursuant to the provisions of chapter ninety.



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PLANNING BOARD**

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Bowen's campaign focused on housing, education, governmental transparency, and keeping and improving programs for seniors and veterans.

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During her campaign, Bowen also brought up environmental responsibility in relation to both housing and the health of the Ipswich River watershed.

“We need to be working together on how we're conserving the resources available to us, how we're protecting them for the future,” Bowen said. “And that takes regional cooperation that I think state reps are in an excellent position to coordinate on.”

Bowen holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Yale, and a master's in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School. She has worked in Californian local government and the U.S. Peace Corps in Ghana. In the nonprofit sector, she has worked on global health policy, sustainable investing, conflict resolution, and other aims.

Bowen said the conversations she had with voters during the campaign will stay with her as she begins work on Beacon Hill.

“Since the beginning, this campaign was always about meeting residents where they're at and listening to their questions and concerns,” Bowen said. “I feel a deep responsibility to take that energy and translate it into effective advocacy for Beverly and Wenham.”

H~W Responders



The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department organized an event for National Bike to School Day, where elementary school students met at Pingree Park and were escorted to their schools by representatives from the police and fire departments.

Photos by Lizzie and Levi Ryckewaert

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From: Robin Sears <robinsears@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 4:17 PM
To: Hamilton Planning
Subject: External Email Warning Tree Removal Bridge Street

Good Afternoon,

My name is Robin Sears, I live at 14 Bridge Street in Hamilton. I received the notice about the public hearing regarding tree removal on our scenic road and unfortunately will be in a New York City at a meeting that evening.

I don't know if it's on your agenda, but there are two Bradford Pearl trees planted between the sidewalk and the street in front of my property: one directly in front of the house and the other in front of a spirea hedge. they are both very sick and have terrible leaf spot. I would be thrilled if you cut them down/removed them. They are now officially a prohibited species in Massachusetts (thank goodness). I am afraid of the spores jumping to my crabapple trees and other plants and work very hard to maintain my greens and property.

I have already taken down a Donald Wyman crabapple at the corner of my driveway last year that was getting sick and would hate to lose more.

Thank you for your attention to my input.

Regards,
Robin Sears



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Hamilton, MA

May 30, 2025

Subject Property:

Parcel Number: 57-0127
CAMA Number: 57-000-0127
Property Address: 58 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: JACOBBERGER DEAN OUTCAULT
SARAH M
58 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Abutters:

Parcel Number: 49-0021
CAMA Number: 49-000-0021
Property Address: 7 KINSMAN LN

Mailing Address: JOSTYN FAMILY FARM LLC JOSTYN
SUSAN
589 BAY ROAD, UNIT 310
HAMILTON, MA 01936

Parcel Number: 49-0023
CAMA Number: 49-000-0023
Property Address: 577 BAY RD

Mailing Address: HAMILTON TOWN OF TOWN HALL
PO BOX 429
HAMILTON, MA 01936

Parcel Number: 49-0025
CAMA Number: 49-000-0025
Property Address: 7 PADDOCK LN

Mailing Address: RITCHIE STEPHANIE LEWIS KEVIN
7 PADDOCK LN
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 49-0026
CAMA Number: 49-000-0026
Property Address: 5 PADDOCK LN

Mailing Address: COLLINS JAMES W F COLLINS SYLVIA
TRUSTEE
5 PADDOCK LN
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 49-0027
CAMA Number: 49-000-0027
Property Address: 3 PADDOCK LN

Mailing Address: MASON RONALD C JOAN Y
PO BOX 432
HAMILTON, MA 01936

Parcel Number: 49-0033
CAMA Number: 49-000-0033
Property Address: 14 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: SEARS DANIEL H ROBIN D
14 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 49-0034
CAMA Number: 49-000-0034
Property Address: 24 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: BYNUM SR ALTON C BYNUM BRIDGE
STREET REALTY TRT
24 BRIDGE ST
HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 49-0035
CAMA Number: 49-000-0035
Property Address: 30 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: 30 BRIDGE ST REALTY TRUST
KLOSOWSKI HEATHER
142 BRAVE BOAT HARBOR RD
KITTELY POINT, ME 03905

Parcel Number: 49-0052
CAMA Number: 49-000-0052
Property Address: 0 BAY RD (OFF) GREENBELT RE

Mailing Address: JOSTYN FAMILY FARM LLC JOSTYN
SUSAN
589 BAY ROAD, UNIT 310
HAMILTON, MA 01936

Parcel Number: 57-0001
CAMA Number: 57-000-0001
Property Address: 76 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: DURNEY PETER M SHIPLEY BETH TE
76 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982



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Parcel Number: 57-0002
CAMA Number: 57-000-0002
Property Address: 0 BRIDGE ST OFF

Mailing Address: HAMILTON TOWN OF GAS LINE
R/PERKINS TO CLARK
577 BAY RD
HAMILTON, MA 01936

Parcel Number: 57-0003
CAMA Number: 57-000-0003
Property Address: 100 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: STANTON KURT LESLIE
100 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0013
CAMA Number: 57-000-0013
Property Address: 93 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: RICHEY SUSANNE C
PO BOX 2144
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0014
CAMA Number: 57-000-0014
Property Address: 49 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: MCDONOUGH LELAND MCDONOUGH
LINDA C
49 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0015
CAMA Number: 57-000-0015
Property Address: 53 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: MCDONOUGH LELAND MCDONOUGH
LINDA C
53 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0016
CAMA Number: 57-000-0016
Property Address: 47 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: RYAN JONATHAN M AMY B TE
47 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0017
CAMA Number: 57-000-0017
Property Address: 43 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: BAUN MAX T.
43 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0018
CAMA Number: 57-000-0018
Property Address: 39 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: ALLEN JOSEPH A BETHANY A
39 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0026
CAMA Number: 57-000-0026
Property Address: 36 ORCHARD RD

Mailing Address: CHARRON RICHARD N ELAYNE J
PO BOX 2058
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0027
CAMA Number: 57-000-0027
Property Address: 40 ORCHARD RD

Mailing Address: MCKEE JEFFREY PAMELA
40 ORCHARD RD
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0028
CAMA Number: 57-000-0028
Property Address: 2 PILGRIM RD

Mailing Address: TUCKEY CORINNA CORINNA TUCKEY
LIVING TRUST
2 PILGRIM RD
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0125
CAMA Number: 57-000-0125
Property Address: 36 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: PYNE, MARK E
118 PARK ST
BEVERLY, MA 01915



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CAMA Number: 57-000-0126
Property Address: 52 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: RAMANIS IRISA TRIS DAMAS TRUST
TRUSTEE
52 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0128
CAMA Number: 57-000-0128
Property Address: 106 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: LEDBETTER TIMOTHY C LEDBETTER
LAUREN C
106 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0129
CAMA Number: 57-000-0129
Property Address: 110 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: NIE QING CHANG SHENGWU
110 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0130
CAMA Number: 57-000-0130
Property Address: 116 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: CONTE CHRISTOPHER TRUSTEE
CONTE FAMILY TRUST
116 BRIDGE ST
SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

Parcel Number: 57-0132
CAMA Number: 57-000-0132
Property Address: 80 BRIDGE ST

Mailing Address: HALEY THOMAS B TRUSTEE HALEY
JULIA S TRUSTEE
80 BRIDGE ST
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