



STAFF MEMORANDUM

Date: August 25, 2020
To: Planning Board
From: Kellie Walsh, Town Planner
Subject: **Scenic Road Public Hearing:** In accordance with NH RSA 231:158, the Milford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing for the Milford Conservation Commission (MCC) to remove several trees at the Granite Town Rail Trail and Melendy Road intersection to allow for installation of a box culvert.

BACKGROUND:

The Conservation Commission is before the Planning Board seeking to remove several trees at the Granite Town Rail Trail and Melendy Road intersection to allow for installation of a box culvert. The area of work is located on Melendy Road, a designated Scenic Road, and the installation of the box culvert would disturb existing trees within the Town Right of Way (ROW). In accordance with NH RSA 231:158, the disturbance of the stone walls and removal of trees within the Melendy Road ROW would require the applicants to receive written consent of the planning board following a public hearing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The applicant should be prepared to address all of the comments raised by the Planning Board, Staff, and public pertaining to the removal/disturbance of the stone wall and trees. If the Board finds that the proposed installation of the box culvert would not significantly impact the scenic quality and character of Melendy Road, the Board should consent to the removal of the stone walls and impacted trees.