

Brookside Road - Scenic Road

PLEASE VOTE YES ON ARTICLE 30

Dear Town Meeting Member,

Last summer over 100 citizens petitioned the Planning Board to grant scenic road status to Brookside Road.

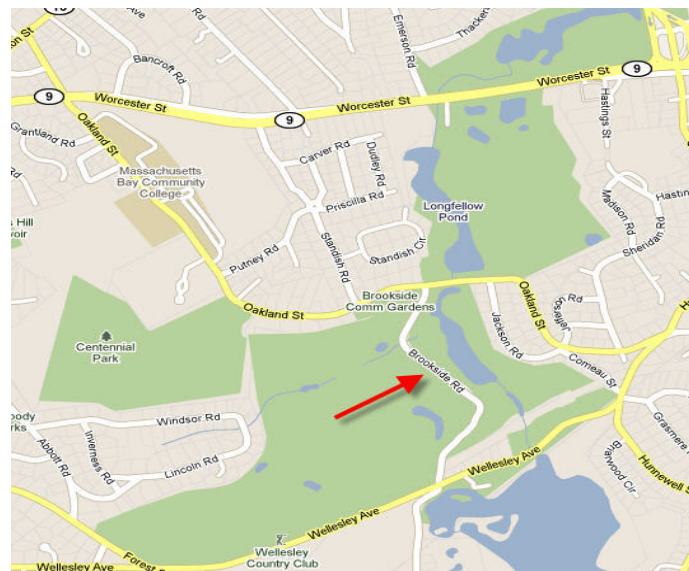
We're writing today to ask for your support at Town Meeting on Article 30, Motion 1:

To see if the Town will designate Brookside Road as a scenic road, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 15C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

This initiative requires no taxpayer dollars.

In March 2011 Wellesley's Planning Board, Advisory Committee, Historical Commission and Natural Resources Commission all voted unanimously in favor.

This bucolic and unpopulated half-mile ribbon of road takes one back in time to how our town must have looked at its founding over 100 years ago. Tall mature trees line both sides of this ancient way creating a high and continuous canopy. Many trees bloom magnificently in the spring. Almost all are colorful in the fall. As the road dips and winds, the trees frame the vistas paralleling the roadway: on one side Rosemary Brook, the Town Forest and abundant wildlife; on the other side the long green fairways of Wellesley Country Club. The road's rural woodland character provides a sharp contrast to the neighborhood, especially when compared to the area's larger institutions and busier streets. This treasured road is a wonderful example of our town's diverse natural beauty.



On March 19, 2011 scenic road supporters stood at Wellesley's Recycle and Disposal Facility to discuss Brookside Road's proposed scenic road designation with other residents.

In that one Saturday, an additional 289 citizens (representing 164 streets across all precincts) signed a statement urging our Town Meeting Members to vote "yes" in support of Article 30.

A breakout by precinct is shown on the back of this letter and all signatures are on file with the Planning Board.

Many people were familiar with the road and shared fond experiences of traveling Brookside by car, foot, or bike. Sentiments expressed included:

It's a country way right here in town; It's especially lovely in the fall; I run it every day; It's a beautiful road and I'm pleased to support it; and a more common refrain: I already thought it was a scenic road!



Please vote YES on Article 30.

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Precinct Breakdown

