

Scenic Roads

The Town of Effingham voted March 12, 1988, to establish Hobbs Road as a scenic road under RSA 231:157. Boundaries for this scenic designation are as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Route 153 and Hobbs Road, intersected by and including the triangle with NH Historical Marker, and continuing to the junction with Libby Road.

The designated official municipal body to enforce this ordinance shall be the Historic District Commission (RSA 231:158).

Projects undertaken on properties located on Hobbs Road may require approval from the Historic District Commission that is distinct and separate from the permissions included in a Certificate of Approval. In addition, properties located on Hobbs Road but outside of the boundaries of the Lord's Hill Historic District must still comply with this ordinance.

For additional information, please contact the Commission.

Meetings

Regularly held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Offices.

Contact the Commission:

By US Mail at:

68 School Street
Effingham NH 03882

By E-Mail at:

effingham.hdc@gmail.com

By Phone at:

603-539-7770

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[http://www.effinghamnh.net/
historic-district-commission/](http://www.effinghamnh.net/historic-district-commission/)



Town of Effingham

Historic District Commission



*How do I apply for a
Certificate of Approval?*

Historic Districts

On March 10, 1987, the Town of Effingham voted to establish the Center Effingham and Lord's Hill Historic Districts and to establish a Historic District Commission.

The purpose of the Historic Districts, as codified in Section 1501 of the Town of Effingham's Zoning Ordinance is:

To safeguard the heritage of Effingham by:

- Preserving structures and places of historic and architectural value;
- Preserving districts which reflects elements of Effingham's cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history;
- Conserving property values in the Historic Districts;
- Fostering Civic Beauty; and
- Promoting the use of the Historic Districts for the education and pleasure of the citizens of Effingham

To aid in this purpose, Section 1504 requires that no person shall alter, construct, reconstruct, repair, demolish, or change the external appearance of any building or structure, or change the use of land in the Historic Districts without a Certificate of Approval from the Commission.

How do I Apply?

Step One:

Review the Historic District Regulations, Applicant Checklist, and Application for Certificate of Approval, making note of how they may apply to the specific project you have in mind for your property.

TIP: *Copies of these documents can be obtained at the Municipal Offices during regular business hours, or by downloading them from the Town of Effingham's website at:*

<http://www.effinghamnh.net/hd-c-documents-and-reports/>

Step Two:

Determine whether or not a Certificate of Approval is required for your project, based on your review of the documents in Step One. If you are unsure, please contact the Commission BEFORE beginning any work that may later be found to be out of compliance.

TIP: *Meeting time and contact information for the Commission can be found on the back of this*

brochure, or on the Town of Effingham's website at:

<http://www.effinghamnh.net/historic-district-commission/>

Step Three:

If, after review of the documents, or contact with the Commission, it is found that a Certificate of Approval is required, complete the Application for Certificate of Approval, according to the instructions contained within it and on the Applicant Checklist, and submit your application to the Historic District Commission.

TIP: *For assistance in determining the abutters to your property, please contact the Selectmen's Office. In addition, please bear in mind that the Commission is always willing to answer questions or review an application before official submission to aid the applicant in ensuring it is completed correctly.*

Step Four:

Once your application has been submitted, you should expect an initial response in 7-10 business days, as part of the Commission's regular review process.