

## What makes a Scenic Road?

Any road, other than a numbered route or state highway may be designated as a scenic road by the town. However, a numbered route may only be designated if its entire length is contained within the boundaries of the town, and no part of it is owned or maintained by the commonwealth.

## When & How

A request from the Historical Commission of Spencer to have the following roads designated as scenic roads passed with a vote from the town residents during a town meeting held on May 19, 1977.

- Borkum Road
- Buteau Road
- Wm Casey Road
- E. Charlton Road
- Cranberry Meadow Road

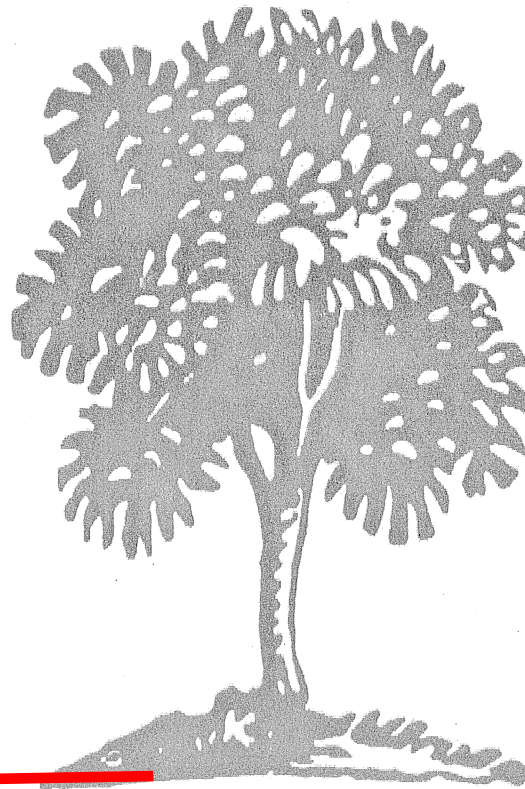
## Improvements

➤ Any work done in the public right of way of a scenic road shall not involve or include cutting or removal of trees or tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, without prior written consent from the Planning Board, after a public hearing.

## Fines

Violations of Chapter 40 Section 15C of the General Laws of Massachusetts shall be punished by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars.

Dedicated to  
Ms. Anna Marie Hughes



For questions about designation:  
Spencer Historical Commission  
at 508-885-7500 x 186

For questions about public hearings:  
Office of Development & Inspectional  
Services at 508-885-7500 x 180

# A DRIVING TOUR



of  
**SPENCER,  
MASS.**



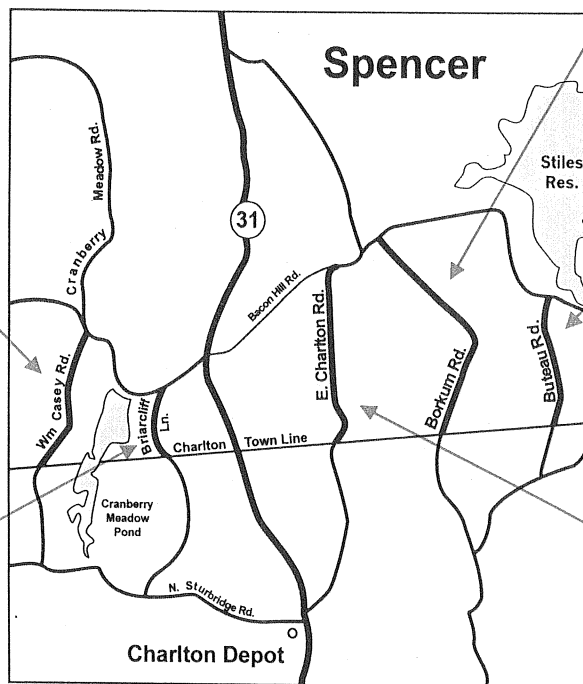
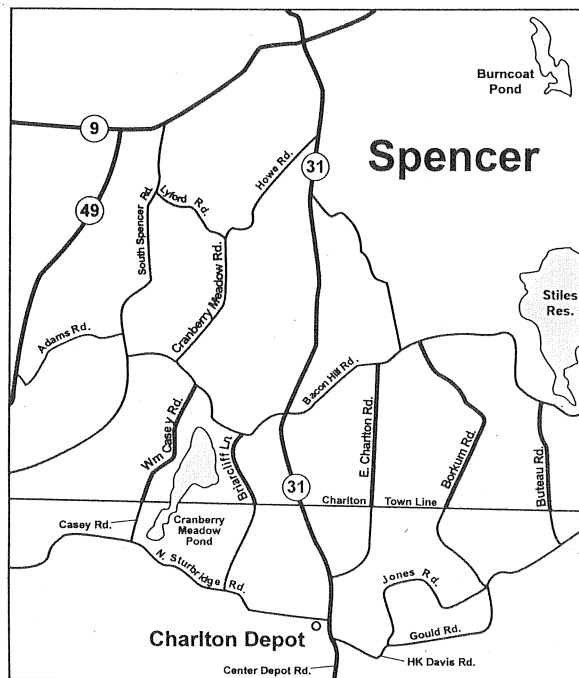
Little is known about the people who once lived and worked in these areas but.... Most were farmers, all hard working and by their efforts contributed to the growth and development of their town.

#### WM CASEY ROAD -

William Casey, a farmer, was named Commissioner of Agriculture in 1937 by Governor Charles E. Hurley. He also served 8 years as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and as a local selectman for 13 years. Mr. Casey died on October 11, 1954, at the age of 69. He is buried in Holy Rosary and St. Mary's Cemetery on Rte 9 in Spencer.

#### BRIARCLIFF LANE -

During a special town meeting in October of 1987 the town voted to change the name of Cranberry Meadow Road, which runs from the railroad bridge southwesterly to the Charlton Town line, to Briarcliff Lane.



#### BORKUM ROAD -

Named after Sigmund Boaken who was born in Russia on January 1, 1876. Mr. Boaken died at the age of 63 in February 1939. Years ago the name got lost in translation and the road is now called Borkum Road.

#### BUTEAU ROAD -

Named after farmer Theophile Buteau who came to the U.S. from Canada with his wife Aldia and family in 1899. He settled in Southbridge then moved to Spencer where he lived on Charlton Road. Mr. Buteau died on May 21, 1944, at the age of 83.

#### EAST CHARLTON ROAD -

The approximate 6,000 ft road was used for travel to and from the Town of Charlton.