

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
JUNE 13, 2022**

**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 21.F.  
REQUEST TO DE-DESIGNATE A PORTION OF THE SCENIC BYWAY ROUTE  
IN THE CITY OF LACONIA**

**Discussion:** Kevin O’Leary, is the owner of the Craft Beer Exchange, Home of the Witches Brew Pub located at 59 Doe Avenue in Weirs Beach. Mr. Leary was notified by the NHDOT Bureau of Traffic that his off-premises sign for his business is located on a Scenic & Cultural Byway, which is in violation of RSA 238:24.

As a portion of the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway route is in the City of Laconia, the City may request that a portion of the Scenic Byway Route that lies within Laconia be formally de-designated per the NH Scenic Byways Rules of Procedure. This would eliminate the issue of an off-premises sign being in violation of the Scenic Byway Sign Statutes.

A formal letter of request sent to the state for de-designation is required to begin the process.

Please refer to the two attached maps; one shows the current location of the Scenic Byway as it relates to Laconia, and the other with the yellow highlighted area shows the area that is proposed to be de-designated.

**Recommendation:**

**Report submitted by:** Scott Myers, City Manager

**Proposed motions:**

*“I move to approve the de-designation of a portion of the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway Route as requested and as shown on the attached map with the yellow highlighted area depicting the portion of the Byway proposed for de-designation. I further move to authorize the City Manager to send a formal letter to the NH State Scenic Byways Coordinator as required to initiate the process.”*