



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

BOARD OF SELECTMAN POLICY

WINTER MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE ROADS

Effective July 1, 1994 and until further notice, the Board of Selectmen hereby authorize the Department of Public Works to provide winter maintenance, consisting of snow plowing and sanding only, in accordance with M.G.L. c.40, §6C for private roads which have not been accepted by the Town as public ways. This authorization is granted provided said roads meet the following criteria.

1. The road must be open to the travelling public with no restrictive gates, signage, speed bumps, or other hindrances present. **The road must be free of ruts and pot holes and must have an adequate turnaround.**
2. The road must have a least fourteen feet (14) vertical clearance in all areas without overhanging limbs or other obstacles. **The road must be twelve (12) feet wide with 2-foot drivable shoulders on each side.**
3. A sign properly identifying the road must be installed and properly maintained.
4. The road must be properly marked along the edge of the right of way to provide direction to those providing winter maintenance services.
5. Residents of a private road who desire winter maintenance must submit a notice requesting the Town to consider plowing their street along with a waiver of liability holding the Town harmless for any damage caused to the road and surrounding property by October 1 to the Department of Public Works. **All owners abutting the road must sign the petition form in order to receive consideration for winter maintenance.**
6. The Department of Public Works will inspect the road to ensure it is plowable and in sufficient condition to avoid damage to Town equipment and injury to the Town's employees and agents.
7. If the road is deemed to be inappropriate for winter maintenance, the decision of the Department of Public Works is final.

Given under our hands this 28th day of April, 1994.

Amended _____, 2009.

Linell Grundman, Chair

John Kennan, Vice Chair

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