

TOWN OF PEACHAM
ROAD POLICY
Adopted August 4, 2004
Amended May 18, 2005

The following policy is established as a guide for regulating town roads to insure that they are properly maintained, that the interest of the town is protected in the maintenance of Class IV roads, and to insure that there will be equal treatment applied uniformly to any additions to or reclassifications of town roads. The authority for the class and length of town roads shall be the current General Highway map as prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation for the Town of Peacham or the appropriate authority of the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

1. Class II Town Roads

- A. The Administrative Assistant will maintain a schedule for the re-treatment of the blacktop portion of Class II roads so that each segment is considered for re-treatment within an 8-year cycle.
- B. Grass and weeds along all Class II roads will be mowed at least once yearly.
- C. Guardrails and culvert-marking posts on Class II roads shall be maintained as permitted by the road budget.

2. Class III town roads are all traveled town roads other than Class II and IV. They are roads that are negotiable, under normal conditions, all seasons of the year by a standard manufactured pleasure car.

- A. The following standards for width and surface depth based on average daily traffic shall apply to all Class III roads in Peacham:

Anticipated Traffic	Width	Surface Depth
A.D.T. 0 to 25	14'	15"
25 to 50	20'	15"
50 to 100	24'	15"

- B. Culverts on all Class III roads shall be no smaller than 18 inches in diameter.
- C. The grass, weeds, and brush shall be cut on the right-of-way of all Class III roads periodically to insure visibility and safe driving conditions.

3. Class IV town roads are those roads so designated on the Town Highway map within the Town of Peacham.

- A. The Town will grade, as conditions require, all Class IV roads at least once each summer.
- B. The Town will maintain the road sufficient to ensure the road is passable from May 1st to October 31st.
- C. The Town will install and maintain culverts where necessary.
- D. The Town will not plow nor provide any winter maintenance on Class IV roads.

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4. Additional Regulations:

A. Access to Town Roads

Access to all Town roads shall be by the permit system as per Section 43, Title 19 V.S.A.

1. Permits: All access permits must be filed in duplicate with the Town Administrative Assistant for approval. The conditions for granting an access permit will specify if a driveway culvert is necessary.
2. Access Culverts: Culverts will be provided at the landowner's expense and will be no less than 15" in diameter. The Town Administrative Assistant shall approve installation of culverts at the landowner's expense.
3. The conditions for granting an access permit will take into consideration the slope of the proposed driveway, the area drainage, and other pertinent conditions.

B. Width of Town Right-of-Way

1. All Town roads are presumed to have a right-of-way of three rods (49.5 feet), as measured from the center of the existing road, unless deeds or other records indicate a specific width of a particular road. Objects, structures, vegetation, plantings or fences in the town right-of-way are at the risk of the resident and not the responsibility of the town. The town reserves the right to remove or cause to be removed any such objects, structures, vegetation, plantings, fences, or other items in the town right-of-way, as the town sees fit to insure proper and safe use of the town right-of-way.
2. All new roads accepted on the Town Highway System must have a right-of-way of not less than fifty (50) feet.

C. Road Materials

1. Gravel: All gravels used on Town roads, as surface or traveled surface material shall be of such a grade that it would be acceptable by the District Highway Engineer of the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

D. New Roads

1. All new road construction in future developments in the Town of Peacham must be constructed to Class III standards as specified in Section 2, subsection A, of this policy.

Road Policy herewith adopted by vote of the Peacham Select Board at their August 4, 2004 meeting.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk