

Winter Road Maintenance Policy

Town of Braintree, Vermont

1. Purpose

The Braintree Select Board establishes this Winter Road Maintenance Policy to define the Town's procedures for plowing, maintaining, and managing Town roads by the Town Highway Department during the winter months. This policy shall have effect from November 1 until April 1 of each year.

2. Plowing and Sanding

a. In general, maintenance operations during winter storm events will begin at approximately 5:00am on weekdays and at 6:00am on weekends and days when school bus operations are suspended. The road crew may not start maintenance operations early if there is less than two (2) inches of snow on the roads; however, the Road Foreman will have discretion to begin plowing and sanding operations at an earlier time.

b. In most cases, no maintenance operations will occur between the hours of 10:00pm and 4:00am. In emergent situations or major snowstorms, the Road Foreman may decide to continue operations during these hours.

c. Each truck used by the Town Highway Department shall have a defined route as determined by the Road Commissioner and Road Foreman. These routes are subject to change based on employee and equipment availability.

d. Each truck will prioritize major traffic and school bus routes. The prioritized roads include, but are not limited to:

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| i. Farnsworth Brook Road | ii. Peth Road |
| iii. Labounty Road | iv. Braintree Hill Road |
| v. Thresher Road | vi. Bent Hill Road |
| vii. Riford Brook Road | viii. Thayer Brook Road |

e. The road crew will conduct winging operations carefully as to avoid pushing snow into driveways and to avoid damage to fences, trees, shrubs, etc.

f. The Town does not adhere to a black (bare) road policy. Drivers on Town roads should maintain vehicles properly equipped for winter travel and exercise due care and reasonable caution during winter weather travel.

g. Town trucks will apply sand to gravel roads. Some particles in the sand mix may reach three-quarters of an inch (3/4") in diameter. Particles of this size may cause windshield damage; therefore, drivers should use caution and avoid closely following other vehicles or Town trucks.

3. General Provisions

a. The Town shall maintain Class 4 roads in accordance with the Class 4 Road Policy.

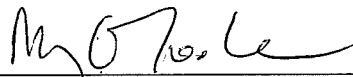
b. Under Title 19, §111 of the Vermont Statutes, "Prohibits Encroachments of the Towns Right-of-Way Without Approval", objects placed in the Town's right-of-way reside there

at the owner's risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of statute.

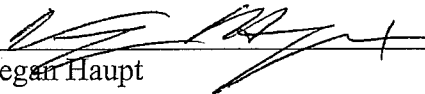
c. The Town assumes no responsibility for damage to mailboxes, fences, shrubs, and other private property within the town right-of-way.

d. State law prohibits plowing, blowing, or shoveling of snow across or onto a Town or State highway. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty and may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the Town for removal of this snow. In addition, the actual cost for the specific equipment and manpower used to remove this snow may be charged to the private property owner.

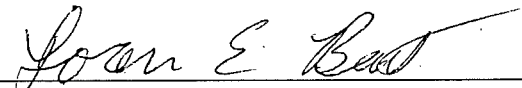
e. The road crew may employ an independent operator to tow vehicles stuck in the roadway that interfere with plowing operations. Vehicles off the traveled way remain the responsibility of private owners and private towing services.



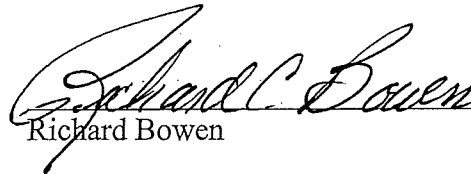
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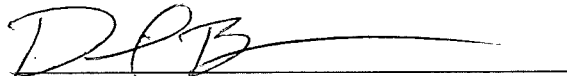
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