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Policy Regarding Class IV Highways

Maintenance

General

Any landowner with property adjacent to a Fourth Class Town Highway wishing to perform or arrange for the performance of maintenance work on a Fourth Class Town Highway, Trail, or unclassified Trail must: make a written request to the Selectboard prior to commencing with any work. The request should contain drawings and descriptions of the work to be done. Make sure that the Selectboard is given enough advance warning to meet with the Public Works Supervisor and develop a plan. No work can commence without a signed agreement from the Selectboard. The landowner shall bear all costs associated with said fourth class road/trail project.

Before commencing work, the landowner shall agree to sign and deliver to the town clerk a letter in which they promise to assure that all the requirements for signage, work safety, and public safety required by law or reasonable prudence will be adhered to in connection with the work, that the road work will be done in accordance with specifications established by the Selectboard in conjunction with the Public Works Supervisor, and agree to indemnify the town and its agents for any and all damage, loss or claim associated with this work.

When the job is finished, the Selectboard has to be notified in writing so that it can arrange for inspection and approval of the work.

Summer Maintenance

The Public Works Supervisor will annually inspect Fourth Class Town Highways that have-as of date of this policy adoption-at least one year round resident. He will evaluate them and as time permits will perform minimal maintenance. Resident input may be considered. This maintenance shall not constitute improvements or upgrades.

Winter Maintenance

The Town shall not provide any winter maintenance on Fourth Class Town Highways or Trails. Plowing by private parties can only be done with the prior written permission of the Selectboard.

Fourth Class Town Highway and Trail Changes of Classification

It is the policy of the Selectboard to discourage the reclassification and/or upgrading of fourth class roads and trails. However, it is the right of the landowner to request changes in road status. The Selectboard if so asked will follow the procedures set out in Title 19,VSA, Sections 708-716.

Adopted by unanimous vote of Readsboro Board of Selectmen on this

Date: 3/20/01

Signed: Bryan Berard

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