

TOWN OF LITTLETON

4.0 POLICY ON PLOWING/SANDING PRIVATE WAYS

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The Town of Littleton may plow and/or sand private ways that meet the following criteria:

1. An application requesting plowing/sanding of a private way is properly filled out and submitted to the Office of the Board of Selectmen prior to September 30 every year.
2. The private way must have been in existence on January 1, 1990. **Any road that is not currently being plowed will not be added to the list or considered for plowing in the future.**
3. The private way must be open to the public and/or be a connecting way between other public or private ways.
4. The private way must service a minimum of three residences.
5. Residents/abutters shall keep the way cleared of parked vehicles, trailers, campers, equipment, and stored materials.
6. The private way must meet the following minimum physical conditions.
 - a. **Road surface shall be a minimum 12 feet wide and preferably 16-18 feet wide.**
 - b. The way shall have adequate shoulder width (3-4 ft.) or other suitable locations for snow storage.
 - c. Tree branches shall be removed to a minimum height of 15 ft.
 - d. **By October 2006 for the winter of 2006-2007 the road surface shall be paved and in the opinion of the Highway Superintendent in good condition free from defects. Until then the road surface shall be paved or hard packed gravel and, in the opinion of the Highway Superintendent, in good condition relatively free of defects.**
7. Residents/abutters of the private way shall petition the Board of Selectmen to plow and sand and shall provide the Town a hold harmless agreement.
8. The Board of Selectmen may grant exceptions to the above criteria due to unique circumstances/situations of the private way and/or abutters.
9. **Private ways serving one house will not be eligible for plowing and sanding. Private ways serving one house currently being plowed/sanded will be exempted from this policy until such time as the house is sold. Upon the transfer of ownership the exemption from the policy will cease.**

Board of Selectmen
KAREN DUGGAN MCNAMARA, Chairman
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