



TOWN OF EASTHAM PRIVATE ROADS SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Minimum standards adopted by The Board of Selectmen, at a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

1. For the first year of the program (2015-2016) only paved private roads will qualify for snowplowing.
2. The minimum width for any private road shall be no less than twenty (20') feet wide and it must be accessible by either a public road or a private road that will also be plowed.
3. Roadside clearance of any obstacles, including vegetation, shall be no less than two (2') feet either side. This includes, but is not limited to, fences, mailboxes, stonewalls, rocks, shrubs, trees or any other object that may be damaged by snow removal equipment. It also includes a shoulder that inhibits the movement of snow from the road to the shoulder during plowing.
4. Height clearance shall be no less than fourteen (14') feet from the road surface. This is to ensure that branches or any other objects over hanging the roadway, when laden with snow, do not limit access of snowplows and emergency vehicles.
5. There must be ample room for emergency vehicle to turn around if the road is a dead end. Space at the end of the road should be of sufficient size for emergency vehicles or town plows to be able to turnaround in a safe manner.
6. Paved private roads shall have no defects (potholes or ruts) exceeding two (2") inches in depth. Defects in the road surface must not deviate from grade more than two (2") inches. This includes, potholes, ruts, protruding manhole covers, catch basins and roots.
7. All private roads shall have a visible street sign, which must be an acceptable standard green reflective metal signs with white letters. This sign is to be mounted on a round or square metal post with appropriate mounting cap. Please contact the Highway Department for information on companies that supply these materials.
8. If accepted, the road will be plowed after a minimum of 2" of snow has fallen. Private roads will be plowed only after main roads and public roads have been plowed and cleared. No sanding services will be provided for private roads.
9. Each September, the town will perform yearly inspections of all private roads that have applied for plowing. The results of these inspections will be listed on the town's website. Should a road not meet minimum requirements, the homeowners on the road must correct the deficiencies and make necessary repairs. When the repairs are completed, town staff will, upon request, re-inspect a roadway to ensure that it complies with standards and notify homeowners of their findings. If it does, plowing services will be provided.
10. The Town of Eastham, its employees or sub contractors shall not be held liable for any damage to private property improvements while performing snow removal operations. Improvements such as, but not limited to, stone walls, fences, irrigation lines, paving, drainage systems, cobblestones, mailboxes, lawns, shrubs or trees adjacent to the way and damaged as a result of snow removal operations will not be repaired or replaced by the Town or its agents.

