Right of Way Driveway Culvert Policy

Town of Middlesex, Vermont

Purpose:
This policy establishes minimum standards for the design, construction, and maintenance of new and existing permanent driveway culverts placed within the Town highway rights-of-way. This policy shall pertain to culverts regardless of when or by whom the culvert was installed.

Process:
The property owner is required to obtain all necessary permits from the Town before the driveway and/or culvert is installed.
Permits requiring a driveway culvert shall be forwarded to the Road Foreman or Road Commissioner, who will inspect the site and specify any conditions that need to be met within 21 days of receipt of the application.

Culverts:
A new or replacement culvert pipe shall be of a type approved by the Town Highway Department, and shall meet the minimum diameter required by the Town. A larger diameter may be specified by the Road Foreman or Road Commissioner if drainage conditions so warrant.

Repair, Maintenance &/or Replacement of Right of Way Culverts:
Repair, maintenance or replacement of right of way culverts will be treated the same as other road work. Following initial installation, except for temporary, emergency work, repair, maintenance or replacement of a right of way culvert shall be done in accordance with Town standards and may be undertaken by the Town at the Town's discretion and at town expense to help preserve the Town's roadways. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, keeping right of way culverts clear of debris that may inhibit the flow of water, upsizing or replacing culverts to conform to state standards regarding size and material, or resetting and repairing culverts displaced by natural events.
Approved by the Middlesex Select Board on December 3, 2024.

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