

Policy Relating to Winter Maintenance of Private Roads

Exceptions

June 13, 2018

The Colchester Selectboard has determined the need for exceptions from this policy. These exceptions are considered unique circumstances where the application of this policy subjects the Town of Colchester, its employees, and the public to additional risks or liabilities beyond those associated with continuing the practice of plowing private roads. The types of exceptions are outlined in the overall policy. The specific private roadways or drives, or portions of roadways or drives that are subject to these policy exceptions, as well as the reason for their exemptions are outlined below.

As stated in the policy adopted by the Colchester Selectboard, the decision to plow a private road or a portion of a private road shall not have any precedential effect and the Town reserves the right to discontinue plowing any of these roadways at any time in the future. If this should occur, the affected property owners on those roadways will be given at least six months' written notice prior to the next winter season.

Grandview Road: When the interstate was constructed in the 1960's, the State acquired a section of Grandview Road (then Camp Road) for purposes of constructing the interstate. As the interstate crossed over Grandview Road, the State had no further need for the short section of Grandview previously acquired. As a result, they entered into an agreement with the Town in 1979 whereby the Town took responsibility for this short section of Grandview that passes beneath the interstate. This is a binding legal agreement from which Town has attempted to get relief and has been unsuccessful. Because the majority of Grandview Road must be traveled to get to this short section, the Town will continue to plow Grandview Road up to the point it is currently plowed.

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Sunset View Road: Sunset View Road leads to an emergency access to I-89. The Town has entered into an agreement with the State of Vermont that allows the Town's emergency service agencies to use this access for incidents that occur between Exit 16 and Exit 17 on I-89. The Town is responsible for Fire and Rescue service on the interstate and given the speed, volume of traffic and regional significance, it is imperative to maintain this access that saves minutes of response time for incidents that occur along this section of I-89. Therefore the Town will continue plowing this section of Sunset View Road.

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Creek Farm Road, Braeloch Road, Goodsell Point Road, Wright Farm Road, Parsons Road, and Raymond Road: These private roadways or drives are a continuation of a public roadway where there is

currently no viable or safe way to turn around Town plow trucks. Therefore, they will continue to be plowed.

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Mills Point Road: This private roadway is a continuation of a public roadway where there is currently no viable or safe way to turn the Town's plow trucks around. Therefore the Town will continue to plow Mills Point Road up to the first point of intersection with White Cap Road and Rail Road until further notice.

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