

WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

OCTOBER 2018

Snow Plowing – The Town of Epsom begins plowing when the snow has accumulated 2 to 3 inches. After roads are clear, sanding and salting will begin.

Plow Routes – Each plow route takes 3 to 4 hours to cover. This means if plowing started when there was 2 inches of snow on the road, by the time the vehicle finishes the route, 3 to 4 hours later, there is a potential for up to 6 inches of snow on the road again at start of the route. Therefore, during a heavy snowstorm, at times, there will be snow on the roads.

Freezing Rain Storms – It is important to note that salt or sand is less effective if applied before the rains stops. Therefore stone is the only semi-effective alternative. There is little the Highway Department can do during a winter freezing rainstorm. Salt and stone will be applied to the roads sparingly during the freezing rain and more aggressively, as needed, once the storm is over.

Clean Road – The Town of Epsom does not have a clean road policy, therefore it is possible that not all roads will be kept completely clear of snow and therefore caution is advised for winter driving. Salt will be used sparingly. The dirt roads will be stoned, but as long as there is ice under the stone instant stops are impossible.

Mailboxes – The Town of Epsom does not replace damaged mailboxes. The Road Agent should be contacted for proper placement of mailboxes.

Trash Placement – The Town of Epsom participates in the BCEP Solid Waste Facility located in Pittsfield. The Town does not offer curbside pickup. Trash and trash receptacles should not be placed in the Town's right-of-way. The Town will not be responsible for damage to trash receptacles or trash cleanup as a result of it obstructing snow removal.

Parked Vehicles – No vehicle shall be parked on the Town's right-of-way from the start of precipitation until 48 hours after the storm ends. The Town reserves the right to tow parked vehicles at the owner's expense. The Town is not liable for damages incurred to vehicles parked in the Town's right-of-way. (RSA231:92-a)

Sidewalks – The Town of Epsom does not maintain sidewalks as part of its ongoing winter maintenance activities from October 15th through May 15th of each year.

Replace 4.10 existing policy "Snow Obstruction" approved on February 23, 2009 and add to this new Winter Maintenance Policy;

Through the adoption of this Now Ordinance by the Epsom Board of Selectmen, a Winter Ban shall be in place during the winter season that restricts residents, business owners, and contracted snow removers from plowing or snow blowing snow and ice across or onto the Class V Town Roads or Right of Ways. In addition, no snow or ice shall be placed within the Town

right of way that restricts or unduly hampers the Town's ability to clear the roadway surface for public safety or restrict the passage of runoff through its ditches. Individuals violating this ordinance will be subjected to written warning by the Epsom Road Agent for the first offense and be subjected to a fine not to exceed \$500 for repeated offenses.

Replace "Policy for Winter Maintenance" approved on March 7, 2011 and add to this new Winter Maintenance Policy;

The Epsom Board of Selectmen is aware that town winter maintenance operations may cause damage to personal property within town right-of-way. Although this damage is not deliberate and is in most cases unavoidable, the Town of Epsom is not responsible for damage. The Town of Epsom does not repair, replace or re-erect boxes that are located within the highway right-of-way. These devices when located within the highway limits are the responsibility of the property owner.

The Town of Epsom will work with the property owners to locate the box in the safest possible location and offer advice on its design to minimize potential damage.

Policy approved and adopted on 11/15/2018.

By the Board of Selectmen.