

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

TOWN HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE STANDARDS

The Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, hereby adopts the following Town Highway and Bridge Standards, which shall apply to all future road and bridge construction within the Town [Unless Federal or State funding regulations take precedence over this document].

The standards listed herein are considered minimum standards, and are presented for the purpose of guiding construction and maintenance personnel. The Select Board reserves the right to modify the standards for a particular project where, due to unique physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the project can be completed in strict conformance with these standards. Fiscal constraints shall not be a basis for modification of the standards.

Any new highway, whether or not that highway is proposed to be conveyed to the Town, shall be constructed according to these minimum standards. If any Federal and/or State funding is involved in a project, the VTrans district office shall be notified prior to any field changes taking place which would alter the original scope of work.

1. Roadways

1. All gravel roads shall have at least a fifteen inch (15") thick processed gravel subbase, with the top three inches (3") being crushed gravel.
2. Material will be graded so that water does not remain on the road surface.
3. Roadways shall have adequate space for proper ditching.

2. Ditches

Soil exposed during ditch and slope construction, or maintenance, shall be treated immediately following the operation as follows:

1. Slopes less than two and one-half percent (2.5%) shall be seeded and mulched.
2. Slopes between two and one-half percent (2.5%) and five percent (5%) shall have biodegradable matting and seeding in place.
3. Slopes greater than five percent (5%) shall have stone lined ditches with angular material.

3. Culverts and Bridges

1. All new driveway culverts shall have a minimum diameter of fifteen inches (15").
2. All new roadway culverts shall have a minimum diameter of eighteen inches (18').
3. Any culvert greater than, or equal to, thirty-six inches (36") in diameter shall be designed according to the latest VTrans "Hydraulics Manual." The end treatment, both inlets and outlets, shall also be evaluated in accordance with this "Manual."
4. All bridges, which are structures with spans greater than six feet (6") shall have waterway openings designed in accordance with the latest VTrans "Hydraulics Manual."

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4. Guardrails

When new roadway or culvert construction creates side slopes greater than one on three (1 on 3), guardrails will be installed according to the A.A.S.H.T.O. "Roadside Design Guide."

5. Inconsistent Policies Repealed

This Policy shall amend and replace any provisions of any Policy of the Town of Weathersfield in effect at the time of enactment of this amended Policy governing any activity included in this amended Policy.

6. Severability

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Policy, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Policy or any part thereof.

The Board of Selectmen hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or ineffective.

7. Effect

No section of this Policy shall be construed to supersede or replace any Vermont statute.

This amended Policy shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

The foregoing amended Policy is hereby adopted by the Selectmen of the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, this sixteenth day of April, 2001, and is effective as of this date until amended or repealed.

C. Peter Cole, Chairperson

Patricia W. Daniels, Vice-Chairperson

David T. Fuller, Clerk

Randy S. Brown, Selectperson

Frederick W. Crowley, Selectperson