

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DRIVEWAY PERMIT RULES AND PROCEDURES
ADOPTED: July 14, 2003**

Notice: If the proposed driveway is off a State Highway, a State Driveway Permit must be obtained.

1. General Rules:

- a. The driveway entrance (apron) must be flush with the Town road surface and of the same composition (i.e. gravel to gravel; bituminous to bituminous).
- b. Apron width and length will be determined by the Road Agent.
- c. Apron base area will be cleared of unsuitable material; replaced with no less than 12 (twelve) inches of approved gravel. It will be brought to specifications; but not hot topped prior to any building construction, including excavation.
- d. A driveway will not be paved on frozen ground; if it cannot be paved because of the season an extension may be granted until the following May 15, providing the applicant provides appropriate evidence of cause to the Board of Selectmen. Procrastination shall be no excuse.
- e. The apron's slope will depend on topography and will be determined by the Road Agent but will not normally exceed a 5% grade within 25 feet of the highway edge or 50 feet of the center of the roadway.
- f. Drainage will be maintained at all times during and after construction.
- g. The need for culverts and their siting will be determined by the Road Agent. Culverts will be a minimum of 15" in diameter unless a greater diameter is determined by the Road Agent. Headers will be concrete or stone. Drop inlets may be required. Culvert coverage will be a minimum of 6" gravel or greater, if deemed necessary by the Road Agent.
- h. Private driveway connections, including structures such as culverts, are the responsibility of the landowner, even those located within the right-of-way. Any driveway connection which threatens the highway to plugged culverts, erosion, siltation, etc., will be repaired by the property owner. If the owner refuses to complete the repairs, the Town reserves the right to do so at the owner's expense.

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DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION

1. Name(s) of Applicant: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Location of Property: _____
2. I/we agree that the driveway entrance will be constructed in accordance with Planning Board regulations attached.
3. I/we agree to hold harmless the Town of Bennington and its duly appointed agents and employees against any action for personal injury and/or property damage sustained by reason of the exercise of this permit.
4. I/we agree that no construction of a driveway will commence until the driveway entrance location is approved by the Road Agent.
5. I/we agree that no construction (site preparation excluded) shall commence prior to my receipt of a Driveway Permit signed by the Road Agent.
6. I/we agree that should I/we fail to comply with the Town Policies and Procedures or satisfactorily complete the driveway entrance in the prescribed time of the Town of Bennington will complete the work using my performance bond for costs incurred.
7. I/we hereby submit a non-interest bearing performance bond in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be held in escrow. Release date to be within thirty (30) days after acceptance and completion of driveway entrance.
8. I/we understand that my failure to abide by these terms and conditions of this application may result in the suspension of any Building Permit issued on the lot served by the driveway.

APPLICATION FEE IS \$15.00

Homeowner's Signature(s) _____

Payment Received: \$ _____ **Date:** _____

Road Agent Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Selectmen Approval: _____

_____ **Date:** _____