

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Road Policy

The following policy is established as a guide for regulating town roads to ensure that they are properly maintained, that the interest of the town is protected in the maintenance of Class IV roads, and to ensure that there will be equal treatment applied uniformly to any conditions to or reclassifications of town roads. The authority for the class and length of town roads shall be the current General Highway map prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation for the Town of Peacham or the appropriate authority of the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

1. Class II town roads
 - a. The Selectboard will maintain a schedule for the re-treatment of paved portion(s) of Class II roads so that each segment is considered for re-treatment within a 10 year cycle.
 - b. Vegetation along all Class II roads will be mowed at least once yearly.
 - c. Guardrails and culvert-marking posts on Class II roads shall be maintained as permitted by the highway budget.
 - d. Road construction standards: see Town Road and Bridge Standards.
2. Class III town roads are all traveled town roads other than Class II and IV. They are roads that are negotiable, under normal conditions, all seasons of the year by a standard commuter vehicle.
 - a. The following standard for minimum width based on average daily traffic shall apply to all Class III roads in Peacham. Traffic studies can be ordered at the Selectboard's discretion.

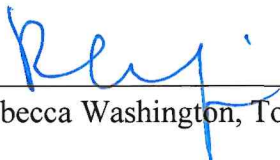
Anticipated Traffic	Width
A.D.T 0 to 25	14'
25 to 50	20'
50 to 100	24'

- b. Road construction standards: see Town Road and Bridge Standards.
- c. Culverts on Class III roads: see Town Road and Bridge Standards.
- d. Vegetation shall be cut in the Town's right-of-way of all Class III roads periodically to insure visibility and safe driving conditions.

3. Class IV town roads are those roads so designated on the Town Highway Map within the Town of Peacham.
 - a. The Town will grade, as conditions require, all Class IV roads at least once each summer.
 - b. The Town will maintain the road sufficiently to ensure the road is passable from May 1st to October 31st.
 - c. The Town will install and maintain culverts where necessary.
 - d. The Town will not plow or provide any winter maintenance on Class IV roads.
4. Additional Regulations:
 - a. Access to Town Roads
 - i. Permits: All access permit applications must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office for approval by the Highway Foreman. The conditions for granting an access permit will specify if a driveway culvert is necessary.
 - ii. Driveway culverts within the municipal right-of-way: Culverts shall be purchased and installed by the landowner. The Highway Foreman will approve installation of the culverts.
 - iii. After the initial installation, the Town will assume ownership and all maintenance of driveway culverts in the right-of-way.
 - iv. The conditions for granting an access permit will take into consideration the slope of the proposed driveway, the area drainage, and other pertinent conditions.
 - v. Driveway culvert standards: see Town Road and Bridge Standards.
 - b. Width of the Right-of-Way
 - i. All Town roads are presumed to have a right-of-way of three rods (49.5 feet) as measured from the center of the existing road, unless deeds or other records indicate a specific width of the particular road.
 - ii. Objects, structures, vegetation, plantings or fences in the Town's right-of-way are at risk of the resident and not the responsibility of the town.
 - iii. The placement of any privately installed or improvised traffic control devices within the Town's right-of-way is strictly prohibited.
 - iv. Any work to be performed within the Town's right-of-way requires review and written approval by the Highway Foreman. The Highway Foreman may, at their discretion, refer any request to the Selectboard for review and approval before authorizing the work.
 - v. The Town reserves the right to remove or cause to be removed any objects, structures, vegetation, plantings, fences, or other items in the Town's right-of-way, as the Town sees fit to insure proper and safe use of the Town's right-of-way.
 - vi. All new roads accepted on the Town Highway System must have a right-of-way of not less than fifty (50) feet.

- c. Road Materials
 - i. Gravel: All gravel used on Town roads, as surface or traveled surface material shall be of such a grade that it would be acceptable by the District Highway Engineer of the Vermont Agency of Transportation.
- d. New or reclassified roads
 - i. All new or reclassified road construction in the Town of Peacham must be constructed to Class III standards as specified in Section 2, subsection A, of this policy and the Town Road and Bridge Standards.
- e. Snowmobile usage
 - i. Express permission from the Selectboard shall be required annually for each segment of public highway utilized as part of a designated snowmobile trail. Approval for one season or route shall not be construed as approval for any subsequent season or any other route.
 - ii. In evaluating requests, the Selectboard shall give priority to the safe and convenient use of Town highways by residents, property owners, emergency services, and the traveling public. Where a conflict exists between resident access and snowmobile trail use, resident access and public highway functions shall take precedence.
 - iii. This policy supersedes and replaces all previous Town policies, resolutions, or practices governing the use of Town highways by snowmobiles.

Road Policy herewith adopted by vote of the Peacham Selectboard at their August 5, 2026 meeting.

Attest: 
Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk