

Article xx: ZONING ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Becket Zoning By-Laws by adding the following subsection 4.2.11 Driveways to the existing *Dimensional Requirements* section codifying existing practices, as summarized below and as on file in the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town website at www.townofbecket.org.

The proposed change intended to reduce ambiguity in the application of driveway regulations throughout the community given the many different state, town, and district agencies and associations involved in the permitting process.

Formative changes that are codified and contextual are as follows:

Driveways. Driveway access to public and private ways is permitted by right with concurrence of the State's, Town's or District's Highway/Superintendent and in case where this is not possible applicants may apply for a Special Permit from the Planning Board.

Access/Location/Site Distances. All driveways shall be constructed in a manner ensuring reasonable and safe access from the road servicing to within or less than one hundred (100) feet from the building or residential structure. Driveways shall maintain clear site line distance especially at intersections for the safety of vehicles and pedestrians and shall not be located within eighteen (18) feet of a sideline.

Road-Line Angle/Grade/Distance. : The intersection with the road line shall not be less than 90 degrees for a distance of twenty (20) feet into the lot and the grade shall not exceed three (3%) in this area.

Width/Surface/Drainage. Driveways shall have minimum cleared width of (twelve) 12 feet at the entrance to the road for the first twenty (20) feet, be construct of approved graded material. Water from the driveway shall not drain on the road or abutter property.

Environmental/Maintenance/Numbering. Any adjacent disturbed areas during construction of a driveway shall be stabilized and planted with ground cover prior to completion. Residential address numbers shall be clearly displayed at the intersection of the driveway entrance with the road. Maintenance of the driveway curb cut shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the approving authority.

And by amending the Becket Zoning Bylaws **Table of Contents SECTION 4.0, DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS**, by adding a new subsection **4.2.11 Driveway Permits**.

Planning Board: Recommend

2/3 Vote Required