

**Town of Brookfield
267 Wentworth Road
Brookfield, NH 03872**

**Public Hearing – November 23, 2010
Town Road Regulations**

Board Attendance: Clifton Camp, Ernest H. Brown, Jr. and Craig Evans (Chair)

Public in attendance: 9

The hearing was called to order by the Board Chair at 6:34pm. This hearing has been posted with ten days notice at the two official town sites and the Granite State News. Copies of the proposed regulation were also available on the town website, and hard copies of the draft documents were available in the town office building and both official posting places.

Ernie reviewed the three regulations being proposed. Work sessions have been held with the Road Agent and Road Committee in advance of the Public Hearing. Copies of the draft being discussed this evening were available at the hearing for the public.

Standard Operating Procedures – Snow Removal and Ice Control

Regulation as posted reviewed. The Standard Operating Procedure for Snow Removal and Ice Control was reviewed. The Selectmen have overall responsibility. The procedure spells out break requirements for highway employees during emergency situations. There were no comments from the public. No changes to the regulation

Winter Operations – Snow Removal and Ice Control Procedures

Regulation as posted reviewed. Plow route priority detailed in regulation; roads the school bus travel is highest priority. Material used by the town to handle snow and ice control is detailed; a low ratio of sand to salt mixture is applied to improve traction. On paved roads de-icing material is applied when road conditions warrant. Non-winter maintained Roads are listed along with the few exceptions. Damage to private property is covered at length in the procedure. A fine not to exceed \$100 can be charged to those placing snow and/or ice in the right of way of any town road. Public comments accepted, brief discussion ensued. *Changes: add “per occurrence” to the section dealing with fines, under plow route priorities, remove “With a total of approximately 22 miles of”.* No other changes made.

Highways – RSA 41:11

Regulation as posted reviewed. Those in violation could be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 per day for each day of obstruction. Right of ways discussed, the Road Agent explained that each road has a different right away amount, it depends on how the road was laid out years back, further research is needed to determine the exact right of way for each road. Public comments accepted, brief discussion ensued. *Changes: remove third paragraph.* No other changes made.

MOTION: Ernie moved to accept the three Town Road Regulations as amended, seconded by Clifton. A vote was taken, all in favor. Motion carries.

Ernie will make changes and present corrected regulations for signature at the next Selectmen’s meeting

Hearing closed at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Sonricker
Administrative Assistant