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Guideline Title: Snow Removal and Ice Control

Date: December 6, 2010 Superseded Date: None Policy No. 2010-GL001

Applicable Governing Law: RSA 231:92-a, RSA 507-B:2-b Roads In New Durham

Supervisors Authorization Date: Next Review Date:

Objective: It is the goal and intent of the Town of New Durham to provide timely, efficient and cost – effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the roadways of the municipality for the safety and benefit of the Town’s resident’s and the general public.

Equipment: The Highway Department utilizes all the assets of the department as needed to address snow and ice emergencies.

Procedure: The objectives stated above will be achieved by implementation and execution of the guidelines and tasks outlined in the Town of New Durham Snow Removal and Ice Control Guidelines. Due to the many variables that are inherent in New England weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different effort and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

Level of Service: It is not possible to maintain a snow and ice free road during a storm. It is the intention of the Town to provide practical, safe access to homes, businesses and municipal facilities during winter storms. The Town does not provide snow removal and/or ice control to all the facilities it owns. Anyone who uses any of the Town facilities for winter activities does so knowing that those facilities do not receive preparation or winter maintenance during winter use and do so at their own risk. This specifically includes the Town beach, boat launch and recreational facilities, but does not exclude any other Town facility.

The Road Agent or designee may, at their discretion, based upon weather information reports elect to not completely remove snow from the traveled road surface. Snow removal operations may begin, at the discretion of the Road Agent or designee, for accumulations of two inches of snowfall. All routes will begin from the Highway Department and the operators will work systematically around their respective plow routes.

Pre-treatment and ice control may be addressed prior to the actual storm beginning, during the actual storm as seen effective, and at the cessation of a storm. It should be noted that salt has a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25 degrees and may not be applied until it is warmer.

Post Storm Operations: As determined by the Road Agent, the snow banks resulting from the previous accumulations shall be pushed back, or shelved, using the plow and wing of the grader or other suitable equipment to make space for future snow storms, re-establish road width and drainage.

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Command: Direction of all winter maintenance activities for the Town of New Durham is vested with the Road Agent or designee.

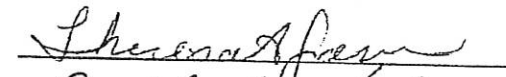
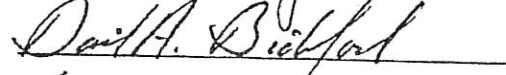

Execution: The Guidelines outlined above are intended to serve as the normal operating guidelines for winter maintenance, snow removal and/or ice control for the Town of New Durham. One or more of the following, which may delay or prevent the implementation of these guidelines, may affect all or part of the Guidelines:

- Equipment Breakdown
- Snow Accumulation in excess of 1 inch per hour
- Freezing rain or other icing condition
- Traffic congestion
- Emergencies
- Personnel absence

Snow Removal and Ice Control Liability: , Highway Department employees will do their best to avoid hitting items in the Town's Right of Way. It should be noted that the Town of New Durham will not be responsible for damages to private property that is located within the public right of way, per RSA 231:92-a (as amended). This includes, but not limited to, fences, stone walls, lawns, driveways or any other object placed within the right of way of any road or street. In an effort to be pro-active abutting property owners engaging with beautification efforts of their property and/or the storage of personal property near the Town's right of way, should consider Post Storm Operations efforts.

This document is to be used as a basic guideline for winter roadway maintenance. As New England storms are notoriously unpredictable, it should be expected that certain procedures will be changed, sometimes abruptly, in order to provide the best overall results at the time. Changes in procedures are to be at the discretion of the Road Agent or designee.

Adoption: The Town of New Durham has adopted the Snow Removal and Ice Control Guidelines effective December 22, 2010. All residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents as it describes the conditions that one might expect to encounter before, during and following a winter storm event.

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