

## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL POLICY TOWN OF DEERFIELD N.H.

**POLICY:** Snow and Ice Control.

**OBJECTIVE:** It is the goal and intent of the town of Deerfield to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective snow removal and ice control on the roadways for the safety and benefit of the town's residents.

**PROCEDURE:** The objective stated above will be achieved by implementation and execution of the procedures and tasks outlined in the town of Deerfield's Winter Operations Snow and Ice Removal and Control Procedures. Due to the many variables that are inherent in New England weather, each storm and or weather event may require slightly different efforts and strategies to attain the necessary goals.

**LEVEL OF SERVICE:** It is nearly impossible to maintain a snow and ice free surface during a winter weather incident.

It is our policy to start conducting snow removal operations upon one inch plus or minus of snow accumulation. The road agent may at his or her discretion based on weather information reports, elect not to remove any snow until greater accumulations have fallen.

Pre treatment and ice control may be addressed prior to the actual storm, during the storm as seen effective, and proceeding the storm. It should be noted that salt has a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25 degrees. For this reason, salt may not be applied until the temperatures warm.

**SCHOOLS:** The highway department does have the responsibility of maintaining the school facility. The road agent also has the duty to converse with the bus company to call any school closings or delays. On days that school is in operation and there is a winter weather incident, those roads traveled by the busses become the priority for necessary treatments as required for safe passage.

**EMERGENCIES:** In the event of a fire, ambulance or police emergency, it may be necessary to reroute one or several plow trucks from their designated routes. This will be a temporary adjustment and the trucks will be back to their normal routes as soon as it is possible. Depending on the emergency at hand, it may be necessary to plow a private road or residence. For an emergency situation, this is acceptable practice. An emergency situation is to be determined by the incident commander at the scene of the call. At that point, the incident commander is to go through the road agent requesting the necessary equipment.

**MATERIALS:** The town of Deerfield will apply a sand and salt mix to all town accepted, paved roads located within its boundaries.

On the town dirt roads, winter sand will be applied as needed.

Application rates of both, will be determined by the road agent as required to maintain traction and reasonably safe passage for the weather conditions.

**CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT:** Due to the cost of snow removal related equipment, outside equipment will be contracted by the town as needed. As needed will be determined by the road agent.

The outside equipment will be contracted for the winter season. Contracted equipment will be called out by the road agent as needed. The town equipment will be used first whenever possible. The town equipment will be the last to finish. In the event that there is additional work for contracted trucks such as winging back, such work will be distributed fairly among the contractors on a rotating basis.

This policy adopted by the Deerfield Select Board on March 1,2004.

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