

Duxbury Road Department Winter Maintenance Plan & Policy

I. Purpose

The Duxbury Board of Selectmen hereby establish this Winter Operations Plan and Policy to clearly state priorities for the clearing, maintenance, and repair of Town-owned roads by the Town's 3-person Road Department to ensure the safe and efficient passage of vehicles and goods through the town during the period of time between November 1 and April 30 of each year.

In most cases, there will be no winter maintenance between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., with the exception of a major snowstorm or ice. This is at the discretion of the Highway Foreman.

II. Plowing

1. First priority for plowing will be to open the major traffic and school bus routes. This includes the following Town roads:

Plan A-with all Tandems running

Truck #1—North Duxbury-leave garage at approximately 4:10 a.m.

Main Street; River Rd to Bolton; Camel's Hump to State Park, Scrabble Hill to Mountain View, Scrabble to Marshall Rd; Marshall Rd back to Garage from River Rd.

Truck # 2—South Duxbury-leave garage at approximately 4:10 a.m.

Grout Rd, South Crossett ramps, Ryan Rd, Turner Hill going south, Sunrise, Clark Rd, Ward Hill, Dowsville, Turner Hill going north, Wilder Rd, Stevens Brook, Welch Rd, Atwood Rd.

Truck #3—Center Duxbury-leave garage at approximately 4:10 a.m.

Start at North Crossett to South Crossett, all side roads as they come in order, go north on Crossett, Hart Rd.

Pickup Truck—All salting and Town Office

Plan B- (if only 2 Tandems)

North Duxbury
Same, then this truck will help with the other end of town.

Center Duxbury

South Duxbury

Pickup Truck—Grout Rd, Ryan Rd, Sunrise Rd, Wilder Rd, Clark Rd, Atwood Rd, All entrances to all roads, salting , Town Office

Tandem—After Crossett is done, Turner Hill, Ward Hill, Dowsville Rd, Stevens Brook, Welch Rd.

2. After those routes are cleared, the second priority for plowing will be the major routes at the discretion of the Highway Foreman.
3. The Town will enforce the No Parking restrictions, including places where plow trucks or school buses turn around during all winter weather events when the plows are on the roads.
4. The Town of Duxbury has only three (3) employees to do winter maintenance on approximately 30 miles of Town Highways. Each employee has a specific route, which takes approximately 4 hours or less to complete. These routes may vary for emergency situations (e.g. fire, ambulance). These employees are on standby 7 days a week, 24 hours a day as necessary. Evenings and weekend decisions to mobilize are at the Highway Foreman's discretion.
5. The Town does not plow private roads or private driveways.

III. Use of Salt and Sand

1. The Town of Duxbury does not have a black (bare) road policy. Travelers who use Town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during changing winter weather conditions.
2. Salt will be applied to most paved roads with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees.
3. Sand will be applied to the gravel roads. With the use of sand in winter maintenance material, some particles may be as large as ¾" in size and may cause windshield damage. Travelers should use caution and avoid following other vehicles or Town trucks too closely. The Town will not pay for any vehicle repair, such as replacement of windshields.

IV. General Provisions

1. The Town of Duxbury does not maintain Class 4 Roads. For the purpose of emergency vehicles Class 4 roads will have the snow winged back by the grader at such time as the Highway Foreman decides, as long as there are no limbs, stumps or rocks impeding the traveled roadway. There must be an adequate turn around area for the grader.
2. Normal winter hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 5 days a week. Maintenance operations during winter storm events shall begin at approximately 4:00 a.m. and continue until routes are cleared. After 16 hours on the job, Road Department personnel are required to stop operations and take a minimum of six (6) hours of rest. Weekend hours may start later at the discretion of the Highway Foreman.
3. Under Title 19, Section 111 "Prohibits Encroachments of the Towns Right-of-Way Without Approval," objects in the Towns right-of-way are placed at the owners' risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the state statutes. Common items are trees, fences, flowers, stone walls etc. placed in the Town's Right-of-Way.
4. The Town cannot take responsibility for damage to mailboxes.
5. State law prohibits plowing, blowing, or shoveling of snow across or onto a Town or State highway. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty and may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the Town for removal of this snow. In addition, the actual cost for the specific equipment and manpower used to remove this snow may be charged to the private property owner, with a minimum charge of one hour per Road Department personnel and equipment.

DATED at Duxbury, Vermont, ____ this day of October, 2013.

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