



TOWN OF CALAIS

3120 Pekin Brook Road
East Calais, Vermont 05650

Policy Regarding Class IV Highways

Maintenance

General

Any landowner with property adjacent to a Fourth Class Town Highway wishing to perform or arrange for the performance of maintenance work on a Fourth Class Town Highway, Trail, or unclassified Trail must make a written request to the Selectboard prior to commencing with any work. The request should contain drawings and descriptions of the work to be done. Make sure that the Selectboard is given enough advance warning to meet with the Road Commissioner and develop a plan. No work can commence without a signed agreement from the Selectboard. The landowner shall bear all costs associated with said fourth class road/trail project.

Before commencing work, the landowner shall agree to sign and deliver to the town clerk a letter in which they promise to assure that all the requirements for signage, work safety, and public safety required by law or reasonable prudence will be adhered to in connection with the work, that the road work will be done in accordance with specifications established by the Selectboard in conjunction with the Road Commissioner, and agree to indemnify the town and its agents for any and all damage, loss or claim associated with this work.

When the job is finished, the Selectboard has to be notified in writing so that it can arrange for inspection and approval of the work.

Summer Maintenance

The Road Commissioner will annually inspect Fourth Class Town Highways that have — as of the date of this policy adoption — at least one year round resident. He will evaluate them and as time permits will perform minimal maintenance. Resident input shall be considered. This maintenance shall not constitute improvements or upgrades.

Winter Maintenance

The Road Commissioner may evaluate Class 4 town highways to determine if winter maintenance is needed and may, as time and resources permit, provide minimal amounts of sand or tree removal, or both. Plowing by private parties can only be done with prior written permission of the Selectboard.

Fourth Class Town Highway and Trail Changes of Classification

It is the policy of the Selectboard to discourage the reclassification and/or upgrading of fourth class roads and trails. However, it is the right of a landowner to request changes in road status. The Selectboard if so asked will follow the procedures set out in Title 19, VSA, Sections 708—716.

Adopted by unanimous vote of Calais Board of Selectmen on December 16, 1996.

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