



# TOWN OF CALAIS

3120 Pekin Brook Road  
East Calais, Vermont 05650

## RESOLUTION

### Relating to Proposed Revisions to the Curb Cut Ordinance

**Whereas**, the Town of Calais Curb Cut Ordinance was adopted in September, 2004; and

**Whereas**, the currently serving Town of Calais Selectboard recognizes the existing ordinance is outdated; and

**Whereas**, the Calais Conservation Commission suggested that in updating the town's curb cut ordinance, there is opportunity to bring environmental stewardship best practices into the process of reviewing and approving curb cuts, and the Selectboard recognized the particular expertise of the Conservation Commission to propose updates that incorporate said best practices and agreed to allow the Conservation Commission time to work on a proposal; and

**Whereas**, the Calais Conservation Commission discussed the Curb Cut Ordinance in six duly warned meetings between August, 2022 and February 2023; and the Calais Selectboard noted the Conservation Commission's work informally several times in the past year, then discussed the proposed revisions as a warned topic on January 23, February 13, and February 27; and

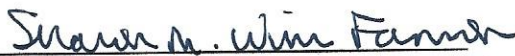
**Whereas**, the results of the Conservation Commission's work is a proposed ordinance that:

- Recognizes that curb cut permits should not occur in a siloes that consider only sight distance and safety issues, but instead should consider the town's planning goals and municipal plan, and value the town's natural and historic resources; and
- Recognizes that interested parties should be entitled to notice and a public hearing (if requested) on proposed curb cuts; and
- Recognizes that a policy and process that is set out in one document provides greater transparency and less confusion than separate and siloed processes across zoning, conservation commission, and the selectboard; and
- Updates grossly outdated existing processes; and
- Fills the void where processes do not exist currently.

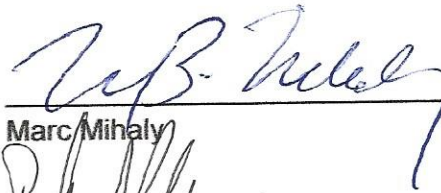
**NOW THEREFORE**, the Town of Calais Selectboard expresses its belief that the Curb Cut Ordinance in its proposed form is ninety percent (90%) complete and is an enormous improvement over the 2004 version.

We urge immediate focus and passage in the upcoming 2023-24 term of the Calais Selectboard.

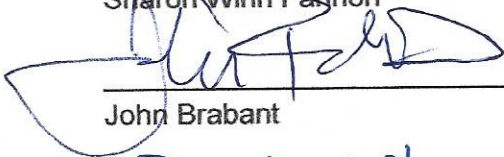
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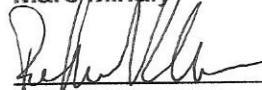
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