TOWN OF SPENCER

Office of Utilities & Facilities

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DRIVEWAY PERMIT PROCEDURES FOR PRIVATE ROADS

For a Contractor/Developer, home builder, property owner and/or other related party planning to construct a driveway on a private road the jurisdiction and applicability of the Town By-Laws and Regulations for driveway construction can vary from a legal perspective depending upon the nature, ownership and/or existing permits in place for the particular parcel and/or private road. In the cases of a driveway maintenance, repair or construction on a private or unaccepted road, the property owner and/or the Contractor/Developer should contact the Utilities & Facilities for clarification of all procedures and permitting requirements applicable to a particular private road driveway.

In general, the following procedure should be followed:

- 1. Driveway permit shall be applied for.
- 2. Standards materials and methods of construction shall meet or exceed the minimum requirements described in Sec.4.09 Special Conditions (pp.23-25) of the Rules and Specifications for Excavation Activity within the Town of Spencer and as further specified in Appendix E of the same document. Driveway design requirements are also addressed in Article 6 of the Spencer Zoning By-Laws. Refer to the Town of Spencer's Guidelines for Driveway Permits for further information and references.
- 3. Driveway plans shall be reviewed by the Superintendent of Utilities & Facilities.
- 4. Where applicable, the consultant hired by the Town to monitor the subdivision construction will coordinate with Utilities & Facilities for each driveway.
- 5. Inspections of the installed driveway must be done by the Consultant.
- 6. Notification from the Consultant indicating they have inspected and approved the installed driveway must be submitted to the Office of Utilities & Facilities. Consultant shall certify in writing that driveway was constructed to required standards.
- 7. The builder is responsible for any fees due the Consultant for inspection services.
- 8. The builder may request sign off on the driveway permit from the Office of Utilities & Facilities upon furnishing proof of the approved inspection report and payment for said inspection/plan review from the Consultant.