

# Policy For Accepting Certain Private Roads for Town Maintenance

The Haverhill Selectboard hereby adopts the following policy for the acceptance of private roads, in a subdivision, for Town maintenance.

## Definitions:

**Private road** – A road which is not classified as a public road, Class I – VI.

**Dedication** – the act of presenting a road to the Town for possible acceptance for Town Maintenance.

**Acceptance** – the act of accepting responsibility and the cost of full maintenance of a road by the Town.

**Town Road Specifications** – as outlined in the Haverhill Subdivision Regulations.

**Policy purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to clarify and codify the procedure for the acceptance of private roads, in a subdivision, in the Town of Haverhill (excluding the Woodsville Fire District) by the Haverhill Selectboard.

**The Haverhill Selectboard has been granted authority by the Town Meeting and RSA 674:40-a to accept for public use and responsibility those roads located in subdivisions approved by the Planning Board. The dedication occurs when the approved plat for the subdivision is recorded with the Registry of Deeds.**

## Acceptance Process:

Once a qualified road has been dedicated to the Town, the Selectboard, in considering acceptance, will use the following factors:

1. **Was the road constructed to Town standards as certified by the Haverhill Road Agent, and has it been kept in the same approved condition?**
2. **Is there currently a need for this road to be public?**

## Exclusions:

Private roads which are not part of a subdivision cannot be accepted by the Haverhill Selectboard. Acceptance must be made by a town meeting vote. A simple majority vote is sufficient to accept maintenance if the Planning Board has previously voted in favor of accepting that road and a 2/3rds majority vote is required to accept maintenance if the Planning Board has previously voted not in favor.

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By: Wayne Fortier

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