



Town of Lincoln

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Winter Road Maintenance Policy

*and
Standard Operating Guidelines*

I. Purpose

The Town of Lincoln Selectboard hereby establishes this Winter Road Maintenance Policy to clearly state priorities for the clearing, maintenance, and repair of town-owned roads by the town's Highway Department to ensure the safe and efficient passage of vehicles and goods through the town during the period between November 15 and April 30 of each year.

II. Plowing

1. After and during a snowstorm, the Highway Department's first priority will be to clear the major traffic and school bus routes. This includes the following Town roads:

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| ○ West River Road | ○ Lincoln Gap Road | ○ Browns Road |
| ○ East River Road | ○ South Lincoln Road | ○ West Hill Road |
| ○ Quaker Street | ○ Forge Hill Road | ○ Grimes Road |
| ○ Downingsville Road | ○ Gove Hill Road | ○ French Settlement Road |
| ○ Ripton Road | ○ York Hill Road | |

2. After these major traffic and school bus routes are plowed, the Highway Department will clear the remainder of the town's roads in an order that is at the discretion of the Highway Supervisor.

3. The Town will enforce No Parking restrictions, as outlined in Article IX of the Town of Lincoln Traffic Ordinance, including in places where plow trucks or school buses turn around and in front of the Lincoln General Store, during all winter weather events when the plows are on the roads.

4. The Town of Lincoln currently has three (3) full-time employees and one (1) part-time employee to do winter maintenance on approximately 52 miles of town roads. Each employee has a specific route, which takes approximately 4 hours to complete. These routes may vary for emergency situations, for example to provide access for fire trucks or ambulances.

5. The town does not plow private roads or private driveways.

III. Use of Salt and Sand

1. The Town of Lincoln 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 gravel roads. Some salt may be present in sand used on dirt roads. With the use of sand in winter maintenance material, some particles may be as large as 3/4" in size and may cause windshield damage. Travelers should use caution and avoid following town trucks, plows, and other maintenance vehicles too closely. The town will not pay for any vehicle repairs, such as replacement of windshields.

IV. General Provisions

1. The Town shall not provide any winter maintenance on Class 4 highways except:

- a. to the extent required by necessity and the public good and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town, and
- b. when staff and financial resources allow.

Plowing by private parties shall only be allowed with an advance permit agreed to by the Selectboard pursuant to Section 4 of the Town of Lincoln Class 4 Highway Policy.

2. 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, Highway Department personnel are required to stop operations and take a minimum of eight (8) hours of rest.

3. The public should expect that, in most cases, there will be no winter maintenance between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

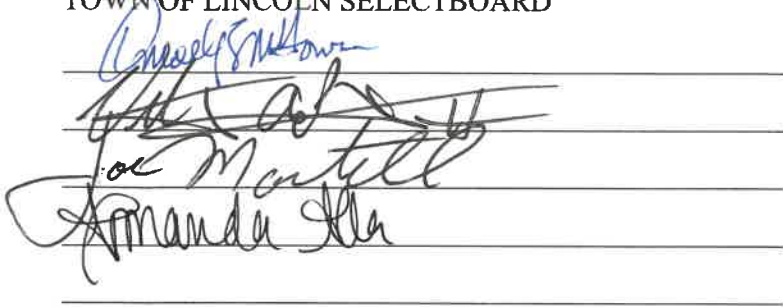
4. Objects in the town right-of-way — including but not limited to trees, fences, flowers, and stone walls — are placed at the owners' own risk and the town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in the town right-of-way in violation of state statutes.

5. The town cannot take responsibility for damage to mailboxes.

6. 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 Highway Department personnel and equipment.

DATED at Lincoln, Vermont, this 17 th day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

TOWN OF LINCOLN SELECTBOARD


The image shows four handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures are: a cursive signature that appears to be 'Charles S. ...', a signature that is mostly obscured by a large scribble, a signature that appears to be 'Joe Martell', and a signature that appears to be 'Amanda ...'. There are also two empty horizontal lines below the last signature.

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