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Town of Shutesbury
Private Roads to be Plowed Policy number 010925

The purpose of this policy is to keep open for emergency vehicles and public access certain private roads in the Town of Shutesbury. The Town of Shutesbury public roads currently have snow removal performed by the Town crew. This policy seeks to assist in snow removal for certain roads open to the public. This policy also seeks to encourage, support and uphold provisions of the Town's subdivision bylaws requiring private agreements for snow removal and maintenance of private roads so that the Town does not become unduly burdened with snow plowing of private roads created after the adoption of this policy or private roads that have such covenants or agreements. Authority to adopt this policy is granted to the Selectboard by a Town Meeting vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, section 6C.

In order for the Town to plow, or pay for plowing of any private road, the road must meet all of the following criteria:

1. They must be a private way in existence as of September 25, 2001.
2. The road may not be a shared driveway.
3. The road must be open to the public.
4. The road must not be the subject of deed covenants or other private agreements for snow removal and sanding prior to September 25, 2001. Private roads which are the subject of deed covenants or other private agreements which lapse after September 25, 2001 shall not be plowed under this policy.
5. The road must be capable of being plowed, without causing damage to equipment, by the Town or any private contractor hired to do the work without the need for additional maintenance as determined by the Highway Superintendent.

The Town of Shutesbury will plow/contract plowing for the following private roads in the upcoming winter 2008-2009. Beechwood Lane, Birch Drive to first knoll, Briggs Road, Carver Road East, Carver Road West, Cove Road, Dove Lane, Gass Lite Lane, Great Pines Drive, Great Pines Drive Extension, Haskins Way, King Road (Locks Pond Road to #34), Lake Drive, Merrill Drive, North Laurel Drive, North Laurel Drive Extension, Oak Knoll, Pine Drive, Shore Drive, South Laurel Drive, Stebbins Road, Sumner Mountain Road, Wyola Drive.

The Town reserves the right not to plow roads in disrepair.

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