TOWN OF SANDGATE Sandgate, VT 05250

GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRIVEWAY CULVERTS

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SECTION I. PURPOSE: Provide a standard approach for installation and maintenance of driveway culverts.

SECTION II. PROVISIONS:

- **A.** Driveway width is to be at least 12 feet wide for single dwellings.
- **B.** The driveway entrance is to be 90 degrees to the highway.
- C. The driveway shall pitch at least 1% from the town highway for at least 20 feet.
- **D.** The driveway shall be obstruction-free for at least 30 feet in all directions for safety.
- **E.** The road foreman and /or Selectboard members shall determine size and type of replacement culvert, obtain the material and install the pipe in the driveway.
 - 1. Property owner will pay purchase price of the culvert.
 - 2. Property owner purchases gravel and materials used with the installation of the culvert.
 - 3. If culvert size is increased, property owner will pay current purchase price of the same diameter culvert as his existing pipe or the current price for a minimum size of 12 inches, whichever the circumstances may be.
 - **4.** Dislocation of pipe due to frost action:
 - **a.** If a culvert is raised by frost action because the roadside ditch is not of a sufficient depth to permit adequate cover over the pipe, the town highway department will correct the driveway damage.
 - **b.** If the grade of a driveway is altered by the property owner so that the culvert is affected by frost action, the property owner will be responsible for repairs.
- **F.** All culverts shall have stone placed around both ends for the culverts protection.
- **G.** All multiple lots shall have one common access to the town's highway, wherever possible.
- **H.** A minimum of 15 inches of approved gravel shall be placed over the culvert.

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