

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, N.H.

DRIVEWAY SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications apply to all driveways constructed in the Town of Marlborough, N.H. These specifications were created to insure adequate construction to allow for easy entrance of fire and emergency vehicles.

1. Driveways will be constructed:
 - a. at least 16 feet in width
 - b. in a right of way of at least 50 feet
 - c. so as to not exceed a grade of 12% (a horizontal rise of 12 feet for every 100 feet of driveway.)
 - d. so as to intersect at a right angle to the existing street or roadway. The approach will be at least two inches lower than the street or roadway level for at least the first 12 feet of driveway.
 - e. to allow vehicle passage without passing over water well and septic tank/leachfield protective areas
 - f. if necessary, with a curvature of at least a 230 foot radius measured on the centerline.
 - g. to permit parking for at least two vehicles near the residence
 - h. with a space to turn large vehicles around if the driveway is over 100 feet in length. The turn around can be either of the hammer head or cul-de-sac type. If cul-de-sac is chosen, a minimum radius of 60 feet from the center to the outside edge is required. If the hammer head is chosen, the depth must be twenty feet from the driveway and be 16 feet in width.
 - i. by removing all loam and other yielding material and replaced with approved material and topped with at least 6 inches of crushed gravel or hardpack. If bituminous concrete is used, compaction by a roller weighing not less than 10,000 pounds is recommended.
 - j. with any necessary bridges to support a minimum gross weight of 30,000 pounds.
 - k. so that all drainage facilities and culverts take care of storm run off without draining on existing streets, roadways, or abutting properties. Rip-rap will be used to slow the velocity where grades over 12% exist in drainage ways.
 - l. with slopes graded, raked, loamed, hayed, and seeded to prevent soil erosion. Slopes on the side of the drive greater than two to one will require that a guard rail be erected.
 - m. so the best visibility can be obtained to the adjoining street or roadway. For State roads, their standard will apply.
2. Administration/Supervision:
 - a. The Planning Board will insure these standards are followed for any new subdivision or Site plan review. The Planning Board will consult with the Road Agent prior to final approval of either application for any driveway entering a town road. Approved State Highway District applications are necessary for any driveway exiting on a State road.
 - b. The Road Agent will be responsible for the approval of any driveways for existing lots of Record for driveways exiting on Town roads. He will insure the applicant has an approved State Highway District approval for any driveway exiting to a state road. In the event the above standards cannot be met, he will advise the applicant to make an appointment with the Selectmen and Fire Chief to obtain recommendations prior to final approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
 - c. The recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Works respecting location of Culverts, drainage, and type and quality of fill and subfill shall be followed.
 - d. Building permits will not be issued until driveways have been approved by the Superintendent of Public Works, the State Highway District Office, the Planning Board, or Zoning Board of Adjustment as it applies to their case.
 - e. Non-acceptance of the proposed driveway by final appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall constitute a parcel of land unsuitable for any building purposes.