

Governing Laws, RSA 41:11, RSA 47:17, RSA 236:15, RSA 236:16, & USPS.gov Form 4056

Town Of Amherst Winter Operations

Property Damage Policy:

The Town of Amherst assumes no responsibility for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way (ROW) easement as such property is deemed an encroachment that is not permitted to be located in the ROW easement. The ROW easement is often 50' wide but can vary. In many cases, the ROW easement may extend 10' to 20' either side of the paved or graveled surface of a road. Homeowners sometimes may extend lawns, plant trees or shrubbery, place mailboxes, place portable or stationary basketball nets or erect fences or stone walls in these areas, which might be intended to improve appearance, but which may obstruct or interfere with maintenance being conducted on the roadway, including winter maintenance.

In the event of property damage occurring as a result of winter maintenance activities conducted by the Town of Amherst, the Town will not be responsible for the repair or replacement of damaged property that is within the public ROW easement.

The Town of Amherst will also not be responsible for damage to any vehicle which may be damaged during winter maintenance if the vehicle is parked in violation of any State Law or local regulation, including any winter or snow removal parking limitation periods, or is otherwise improperly or imprudently located or operated.

Mailbox and Post Damage Policy:

All mailboxes shall be installed according to the Town of Amherst regulations which are derived from the United States Postal Service (USPS) guidelines. The Town of Amherst Mailbox design standards are included in Appendix A. Newspaper boxes shall also be installed according to these guidelines to prevent damage.

If a mailbox is installed according to the USPS guidelines and has been determined to have been damaged by physical contact by the plow from Town plowing operations, the Town will repair or replace the mailbox with a standard sized mailbox, whichever is most efficient. If a post has been damaged it will be replaced by a standard wooden post regardless of the type of post. Granite posts will be attempted to be repaired with epoxy in the spring. Any granite post damaged beyond repair will be replaced by a standard wooden post.

The Town will not repair or replace any mailbox or post that is damaged if the mailbox or post is not installed according to the Town of Amherst design standards. Additionally, the Town will not repair or replace any mailbox or mailbox post that was damaged by snow pushing against it. Claims of property damage should be reported no later than two weeks after the property was damaged.

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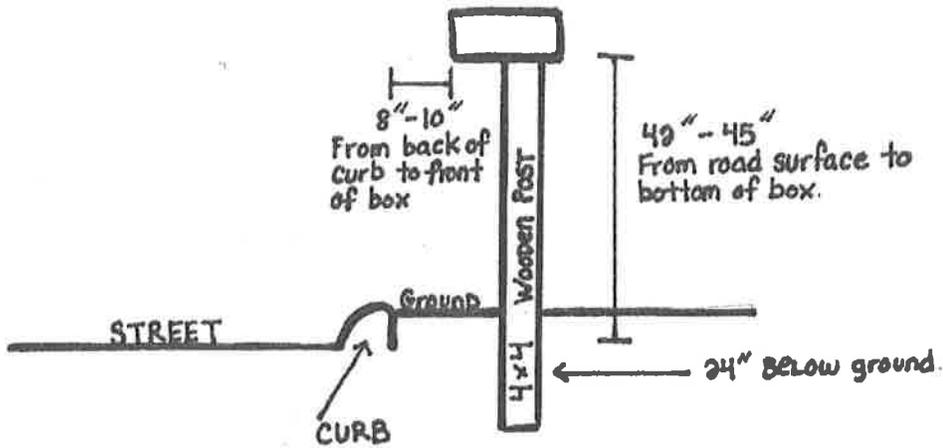
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Appendix A

Curbed Road



No Curb Road

