

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH  
POLICY FOR TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION AND  
IMPROVEMENTS**

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MAINTENANCE & AVIA

The Selectboard of the Town of Ferrisburgh, County of Addison, State of Vermont hereby adopts the following policy: Policy for Transportation Construction and Improvements.

The purpose of these Design Standards is to achieve Roadway Designs which provide access, mobility, and safety for users, and which are also sensitive to the social and environmental context of the Town of Ferrisburgh.

These Standards present the physical design parameters and guidelines of bridges, culverts, ditches, and roadways in Ferrisburgh.

The Standards have been designed to allow and encourage creative methods to minimize impacts on scenic, historic, archaeological, environmental and other important resources.

This will give Ferrisburgh greater ability to conform to State and Federal Statues , rules, and regulations to ensure ~~that~~ projects minimize economical and environmental impacts and to maximize the public benefit of transportation improvements.

1. Road and road related improvements shall be constructed or installed in accordance with sound engineering practice and this policy.
2. The standard specifications contained as part of this policy are considered minimum and may be exceeded to meet traffic and other conditions. In any standard specification attached, Ferrisburgh Selectboard or its Designee will be responsible for approving any permits on all Class II, Class III, Class IV, trails, and pent Roads in the Town of Ferrisburgh. State of Vermont , Agency of Transportation is responsible for Class I Highways.
3. All new culverts shall be a minimum of (18") eighteen inches in diameter , with the exception of driveway culverts which will be a minimum of (15") fifteen inches. All new bridges and culverts will meet the 25- year event or "Q-25" standard.
4. Roadside ditches shall be treated to minimize erosion and to remove sediments and other pollutants from runoff water by:
  - a. seeding and mulching ditches having a slope of less than 2.5%;
  - b. placing biodegradable matting and seed in ditches with slopes between 2.5% and 5.0%;
  - c. stone lining ditches having a slope of 5.0% or greater.
  - d. any and all other applicable erosion limiting devices needed to control,slow and filter the water .
5. All bridges shall have a minimum two lane width except the following:

Bridge # 29, Town Highway #26 ( Wing Road Bridge)

6. The Selectboard hereby adopts and will enforce the following construction guidelines which are considered integral to this policy:

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- a. A-21 Class 3 Town Highway guidelines for ADT 0-250
- b. A-22 Class 3 Town Highway guidelines for ADT 250-400
- c. A-23 Other than Class 3 Highway guidelines for ADT 0-400
- d. A-24 Guidelines for all ADT Highways 400-750
- e. A-25 Guidelines for all ADT Highways 750 + < 50 mph
- f. A-26 Guidelines for all ADT Highways 750 + > 50 mph
- g. A-76 Design Standard for Town and Development Roads
- h. B-11 Design Standard for Underdrain
- i. B-71 Design Standard for Residential and Commercial Drives
- j. D-2 Design Standard for Headwalls and other reinforcement
- k. D-3 Design Standard for Treated Gutters

Where these guidelines exceed the Vermont State Standards, the geometric requirements in the Vermont State Standards will govern.

7. This policy is subject to modifications by the Selectboard only if it can be shown that the enforcement would cause undue hardship due to unusual conditions, provided the general objectives are satisfied after a study of local conditions requiring changes.
8. Any new road, whether or not that road is proposed to be conveyed to the town, shall be constructed according to the minimums of this policy.
9. The Selectboard or its designee shall make all final decisions over all questions arising during construction of new roads and shall approve all field changes.
10. The Selectboard or its designee shall approve all access permits ( as described in Section 620,page 26 of " Zoning By-laws Subdivision Regulations Town of Ferrisburgh Vermont )
- a.all curb cuts shall be installed to the applicable guideline standards.
  - b. all materials used in curb cuts ( culverts,aggregate, underdrain,etc.) must be approved by the selectboard or its designee.
  - c. all curb cuts installations must be inspected and approved by the selectboard or its designee.
  - d.any and all expense of the installation of the curb cut and any damage done to the roadway during the installation shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
11. This policy is not intended to imply that if these conditions are (are not) met, that the Town of Ferrisburgh will lay out, alter, reclassify, or discontinue a highway.

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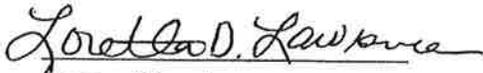
Passed and adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Ferrisburgh, State of  
Vermont on July 24, ~~2000~~ 2001.



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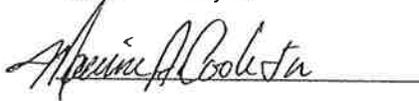


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*Maps referenced in this ordinance are available at the town office.*