Town of Hinesburg
Policy for Consideration of New Town Roads

The Hinesburg Selectboard, Town of Hinesburg, County of Chittenden, State of Vermont, in accordance with the authority vested in them by virtue of Title 24, § 1972-1976 of the Vermont State Statutes Annotated, hereby adopt the following policy for consideration of new town roads.

Whether a private road should be accepted as a Town road is contingent upon whether the road in some manner provides a valuable benefit to the general population of the community. The decision on whether the public good, necessity and convenience warrants that a private road be accepted as a Town road is at the sole discretion of the Hinesburg Selectboard.

Upon receiving a written request or a petition signed by at least 5% of the registered voters of the Town to accept a private road as a Town road, the Hinesburg Selectboard will consider the following guidelines in the decision making process:

- The road is located within the village growth center, as defined in the Hinesburg Town Plan;
- The road accesses a municipal facility or property;
- The road is a through road to a Town or State highway, or has easements or rights-of-way secured to become a through road in the future;
- The road is constructed in accordance with Town of Hinesburg Policy for Transportation Construction and Improvements;
- The road intersects an existing Town or State highway;
- Acceptance of the road is in accordance with the goals of the Hinesburg Town Plan.

This policy is furthermore in support of the proper accomplishment of responsibilities and the discharge of authority as prescribed by Title 19 V.S.A. Chapter 7, Laying Out, Discontinuing and Reclassifying Highways.

After consideration under the above guidelines, the following conditions and requirements shall be applied:

- A minimum 50' right-of-way shall be conveyed to the Town by warranty deed in fee simple and free of all encumbrances. The centerline of the road shall be considered the centerline of the right-of-way.
- Drainage easements, if applicable, shall be conveyed to the Town by warranty deed in fee simple and free of all encumbrances.
- Roadside pedestrian sidewalks and necessary rights-of-way, if applicable, shall be conveyed to the Town by warranty deed in fee simple and free of all encumbrances.

- All legal and advertising costs associated with the acceptance shall be borne by the applicant.
- No road shall be considered for acceptance until the applicant has maintained the road for a period of a minimum of one year from the date of construction completion.
- Requirements within the proposed right-of-way, which were applied by other permitting agencies, will be reviewed by the Selectboard as appropriate.

Policy adopted by the Selectboard on August 30, 2004.

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