

# **Town of Lincoln, New Hampshire**

## **Winter and Inclement Weather Policy and Priorities**

Pursuant to RSA 231:92-a, the Lincoln Board of Selectmen hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for winter and inclement weather road maintenance.

### **Part A: Policy Objectives**

**1. Objective.** The Town of Lincoln seeks to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the Town's public highways, bridges and sidewalks, for the safety and benefit of the Town's residents and the general motoring and pedestrian public.

**2. Procedure.** The objective stated in Section 1 may best be achieved by implementation and execution of the procedures and tasks outlined in Part B of the Policy, the Town's Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Procedures. Due to the many variables that are inherent in New England weather, each storm or weather event may require slightly different effort or emphasis on nay number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

**3. Level of Service.** It is not reasonably possible to maintain a black, snow and ice-free, road or sidewalk during a storm. The Town intends to utilize its best efforts, within the means available, to provide practical, safe access to homes, businesses and municipal facilities during winter storms.

A. As a general policy, the Town will start to conduct snow removal operations upon accumulations of two inches to four inches (2"-4") of snowfall. The Public Works Superintendant may, at the Superintendant's discretion, based upon the weather information reports or prevailing conditions, elect to not remove snow until greater or lesser accumulations.

B. Pre-treatment and ice control may be implemented prior to, during, or after a storm, as determined to be the most effective, noting that salt has a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, and thus may not be applied until it is warmer.

C. Sidewalk snow clearance will be conducted as soon as possible during winter storms, subject to availability of personnel and the need to maintain safe roadways will generally take priority. The sidewalks which are to be cleared are those located on the north side of Main Street (from the Lincoln/Woodstock town line to Dodge Place) and on Connector Road in the vicinity of the Lincoln Green complex. Property owners may assist the Town in sidewalk safety by clearing the snow from sidewalks in front of their properties, provided that the snow so removed is not placed in the streets.

**4. Command.** The Lincoln Public works Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, shall direct all winter maintenance activities for the Town.

**5. Execution.** This policy, including the standard operating procedure, is intended to serve as the normal procedure for winter maintenance, snow removal, and ice control for the Town of Lincoln. One or more of the following, which may delay or prevent the implementation of this policy, may affect all or any part of normal operating procedures.

- **Equipment Breakdown**
- **Snow Accumulation in Excess of One Inch per Hour**
- **Freezing Rain or Other Icing Conditions**
- **Traffic Congestion**
- **Emergencies**
- **Personnel Illness**

**6. Notice.** This policy shall be posted at the Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln Post Office, Lincoln Public Library, and the Lincoln/Woodstock Solid Waste Facility. All

residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents hereof as it describes conditions that one might expect to encounter before, during and after a winter storm event.

**7. Adoption.** This policy and the accompanying Part B, encompassing standard operating procedures, have been adopted by the Lincoln Board of Selectmen on October 2, 2000.

ORDINANCE REVIEWED AND APPROVED ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
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By the Board of Selectmen of the  
Town of Lincoln, New Hampshire

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