

Plowing of Private Roads

The purpose of this policy is to keep open for emergency vehicles and public access certain private road in the Town of Athol. The Town of Athol public roads currently have snow removal performed by the Town department of public works. Many private roads and shared driveways have deed covenants and private agreements to provide for snow removal and sanding. This policy seeks to assist in snow removal for certain roads open to the public and not covered by the previous two situations. This policy does not allow for snow removal of shared driveways as they are not considered roads. This policy also seeks to encourage, support and uphold provisions of the Town's subdivision bylaws requiring private agreements for snow removal and maintenance of private roads so that the Town does not become unduly burdened with snow plowing of private roads created after the adoption of this policy or private roads that have such covenants or agreements. Authority to adopt this policy is granted to the Selectboard by a Town Meeting vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, section 6C.

In order for the Town to plow, or pay for plowing of any private road, the road must meet all of the following criteria:

1. They must be a private way in existence as of July 1, 2011
2. The road may not be a shared driveway.
3. The road must be open to the public.
4. The road must not be subject of deed covenants or other private arrangements for snow removal and sanding prior to July 1, 2011. Private roads which are the subject of deed covenants or other private agreements which lapse after July 1, 2011 shall not be plowed under this policy. Private roads created after July 1, 2011 shall not be plowed under this policy.
5. The road must be capable of being plowed, without causing damage to equipment, by the Town or any private contractor hired to do the work without the need for additional maintenance as determined by the Highway Superintendent.
6. A list of eligible road should be submitted to the Selectboard by the Highway Superintendent by September 1st of each year. The private road approved for snow removal must be adequately maintained throughout the year by the homeowners abutting the road.

The Town will place a copy of this policy and a list of roads to be plowed pursuant this policy on the Town of Athol website www.athol.ma.gov each fall to inform the residents of the actions the Selectboard is taking.

PRIVATE PLOWED ROADS

Road	Location
Charles Place	Off Hapgood St.(1 st left after Girardi's) 180'
Greenwood Terrace	Off Green St. (1 st left from Main St.) 305'
Humphrey Place	2 nd right off of Grove St.headed N 129' Accepted 1894
Linden Park	Off Main St. (Road to Main Sta.) 924'
Mann Court	Off Pine Court to Carbon St 258'
Pine Court	Off Pine St (1 st right from South St.) 182'
Pike Street	Off So. Athol Rd.(across from Whipps) 329' Accepted 1960
Raymond Place	Off Main St.(Left just b4 Millers River bridge) 250'
Church St.	Connects Walnut to Ridge Ave. 325'
Hume St.	Connects Chestnut Hill to Brattle (left after Dinsmore Off of Chestnut Hill) 509'
Jones St.	South St to Harrison St (west ends) 638'
King Road	Off White Pond across from Blanchard Circle 4224'
Stratton Rd.	Off South Athol Rd.(2 nd left S of Rt 2 overpass) 792'
West St.	1 st left off Pinedale Ave. headed North 259'
Williams Ave.	1 st left off Smith St. headed West 246'
Cross St.	Off White Pond 560'
Northern Ave.	Off White Pond 1062'
Farnsworth Ave.	Off Northern Ave.and Cross St 2060'
Boyce St	Off Vine St.(North of Euclid St.) 143'