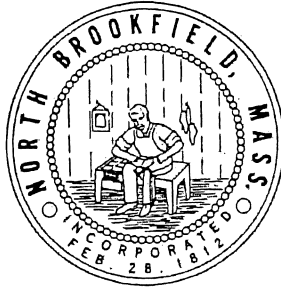


# Town of North Brookfield



## Winter Plowing Damage and Mailbox Policy

The Town of North Brookfield Board of Selectmen voted at their January 19, 2021 Meeting to enact the following Winter Plowing Damage and Mailbox Policy.

### General:

The Town is not responsible for damage to, repairing or replacing private property including, but not limited to, signs, vehicles, landscaping, fences, mailboxes, and other structures, etc. placed within Town owned right-of-way (ROW)/layout. The Town owns the roadside right-of-way (i.e., the land areas adjacent to the road pavement) and must retain all rights to maintain these areas for clear visibility, snow storage, runoff and public safety or public need purposes.

### Mailboxes:

1. The construction/installation of concrete, granite post, brick, block or other unyielding or other unsafe mailboxes or other structures that pose a hazard to traffic as determined by the Superintendent of the Highway Department within Town owned right-of-way is further prohibited by this policy.
2. Highway Department Superintendent shall be responsible for establishing standard requirements for type of construction and placement of mailboxes within Town owned right-of-way (ROW)/layout which may reference common accepted safe practices; and/or FHWA, AASHTOW, MassDOT, USPS, or other applicable requirements.

### Lawns:

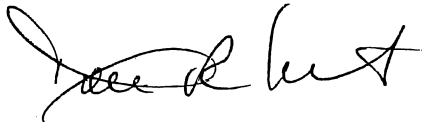
1. The Town is not responsible for grooming or repairing grass lawns, sod or other roadside vegetation damaged by routine snow plowing and removal operations.
2. It should be expected that damage to roadside vegetation, lawns, etc. will likely occur during routine plowing, snow removal and/or roadside maintenance operations. Abutters are permitted to maintain these areas as extensions of their grass lawns; however, the Town is not obligated to repair or maintain them in any way especially not to the potentially varying conditions or standards of the abutter.
3. If the resident or property owner feels extensive amounts of lawn damage has occurred due to Town performed snow plowing or removal operations a report can be sent to the Highway Department for repair consideration in the spring season.

#### Snow Plow Limit Markers:

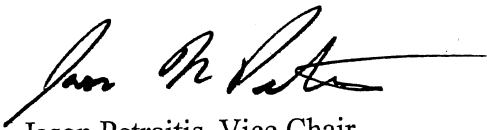
1. The placement of metal rods or metal stakes of any kind including damaging objects such as rocks and more permanent objects on Town ROW are strictly prohibited. The use of wood stakes greater than three fourth inch (3/4') diameter or square are also prohibited. Steel and wooden stakes can penetrate when struck or they can become dangerous projectiles and for these reasons are therefore prohibited.
2. Residents may use small diameter breakaway plastic or fiber glass stakes designed for roadway demarcation and approved by the Superintendent of the Highway Department to mark areas to aid in preventing snowplow removal or damage.

#### Private Roads

1. The town has undertaken the snow removal and general repairs to some private roads under the discretion of Highway Department Superintendent. As a result, this winter plowing damage and mailbox policy will apply.



Dale Kiley, Chairman



Jason Petraitis, Vice Chair



John Tripp, Clerk