



# TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### Winter weather reminders from the Pittsfield Highway Department

In an effort to effectively maintain the Town of Pittsfield right-of-ways, as governed by RSA 236, the Pittsfield Highway Department would like to remind residents that objects within the town right-of-way may become damaged by normal maintenance (i.e. snow plowing, etc.), and will not be repaired or replaced by the Town of Pittsfield, unless it can be reasonably proven that the operator had purposely caused damage.

Therefore, in order to effectively maintain the town right-of-way, the Highway Department would like to remind property owners of the following:

- Plowing across roads is prohibited
- Plowing snow in the right-of-way is prohibited
- Blocking sidewalks with snow is prohibited

Anyone found doing any of these actions can be found liable, RSA 236:39

- Culverts should be kept open, especially when rain is coming
- Driveway culverts are the landowner's responsibility, RSA 236:13, VI

Mailboxes are allowed in the right-of-way at the owner's risk. To minimize the risk of damage, the Highway Department suggests the following:

- Wherever possible, mailboxes should be installed at least 3 feet from the edge of the pavement, and the bottom edge of the mailbox should be no less than 41" or more than 45" from the top edge of the road surface. The traveling terrain within the right-of-way must allow easy access for mail carriers to deliver the mail.
- Post installation and the connection between the post and mailbox should be sturdy enough to withstand the weight of heavy snow, resulting from plowing operations.
- The arm holding the mailbox should be an extended type, giving room for a plow to sweep near and/or under the mailbox without damaging the support arm and post, giving access to mail delivery.
- Plastic post and/or mailboxes are not recommended.

Thank you, Pittsfield Highway Department