

ELMORE TOWN HIGHWAYS – WINTER OPERATIONS

- 1. Normal Elmore Winter Highway operations are prioritized as follows:**
 - a. P1 – Major highways, connector, feeder and bus routes**
 - b. P2 - Roadways with known safety, difficult or dangerous areas based on volumes, steepness, curves, choke points, etc.**
 - c. P3 – All remaining roadways**
- 2. Elmore does not have a bare roads policy. Motorists are responsible at all times for due care and caution matching road and visibility conditions.**
- 3. The Town neither plows nor maintains Class 4 roads, private roads or private drives. Occasional plowing of these roadways may occur at the discretion of the Road Commissioner for safety and emergency vehicles.**
- 4. The Elmore Highway Department has two full time and one part time employees for winter maintenance. Each employee has specific routes requiring 4-6 hours to complete. Variations in planned routes, sequencing or schedules occurs only for emergencies.**
- 5. During winter weather events, the town enforces a full parking ban along all roadsides, plow and bus turnarounds and intersections.**
- 6. Normal winter event operations begin at approximately 0230-0300 hours with a target of all major highways and bus routes open by 0700hrs. If needed, additional operations target major routes open by 1500-1530 hours.**
- 7. Road maintenance between 2100hrs and 0300hrs is normally suspended.**
- 8. For personnel and equipment safety, department personnel may cease operations after each 12 hour shift to secure a minimum of 6 hours rest.**
- 9. 19 V.S.A prohibits encroachment of highway rights of way without prior written approval. Objects within the right of way are placed solely at owner full risk. The Town assumes no risk or responsibility for such objects.**
- 10. The Town may enforce a tire chain requirement for Brown Hill.**
- 11. Sand will be applied to roads. Stones and lumps may reach ¾". Windshield and body damage may occur from following any vehicles too closely. The Town is not responsible for stone, sand or gravel damage.**
- 12. Grading of frozen or wet roads will be minimal due to ineffectiveness.**
- 13. 19 V.S.A and 23 V.S.A. prohibit plowing, blowing or shoveling snow or other materials across or onto a town or state highway. Fines and penalties apply. Violators are liable for property, vehicle damage and town costs for removal of the snow.**