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## **Winter Maintenance Plan**

### Purpose

The Selectboard of the Town of St Albans hereby establishes this Winter Maintenance Plan to clearly state the priorities for clearing and maintenance of Town-owned roads by the Public Works Department to ensure the safe and efficient passage of vehicles during the inclement weather periods between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> of each year.

### A. Plowing

1. The Town of St. Albans has approximately 54 miles of Town Highways. Town plow routes vary in mileage (e.g. Open country routes are plowed with tandem trucks at slightly higher speed vs. developments plowed with smaller, more versatile trucks at slower speeds) and all take approximately 3 hours to complete. Each employee has a designated plow route, but all employees help each other at the completion of their routes.
2. These routes may vary for emergency situations (e.g. Fire, Ambulance, Tree down across road)
3. First priority for plowing will be to open routes for school bus and major traffic.
4. The Town does not plow private roads or private driveways.

### B. Use of Salt and Sand

1. The Town of St. Albans does not have a bare roads policy. Travelers who use Town roads should exercise due and reasonable caution during changing winter weather conditions.
2. Salt will be applied to most roads with minimal amount of sand added as necessary. During major storms, salt and sand will only be added at the completion of the storm, unless it becomes necessary sooner (e.g. roads begin to ice). During these types of storms, applications of materials are a waste of taxpayer money as the roads will usually be covered with the new snow within 20 minutes.
3. The Town uses salt “enhancement” products to help break the bond between the road and snow. These products help us reduce the amount of salt necessary to melt snow, improve the effective use of salt by lowering its freezing point, and reduces our operating cost. The use of enhanced salt make us environmentally friendlier compared to the use of sand.

C. General Provisions

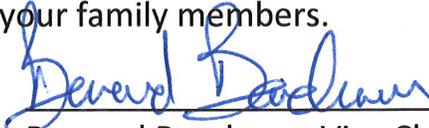
1. Maintenance operations during winter storm events shall begin at approximately 4 AM and continue until routes are cleared. After 16 hours on the job, Public Works Department personnel are required to stop operations and take a minimum of six (6) hours rest. In most cases, such as major snowstorms, there will be no winter maintenance between the hours of 10 PM and 4 AM.
2. Objects in the Town right-of-way that are not permitted are placed at the owner’s risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed therein. The Town cannot take responsibility for damage to mailboxes as a result of plowing.

We all live in Vermont. We all know winter weather will happen. The Selectboard and the Director of Public Works best advice would be buy good winter tires,

allow yourself extra time when it's snowing and drive defensively and safely. The life you save may be your own or of your family members.



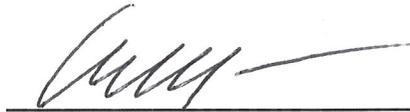
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