

## Town of Medway Driveway Culvert policy

**Section 1:** The cost of purchasing the initial or first driveway culvert will be the responsibility of the homeowner/taxpayer. Driveway culverts may be purchased at cost through the Town of Medway by any homeowner or taxpayer for use in the Town. More than one driveway culvert is permissible, however the homeowner or taxpayer will be responsible for the cost of installation, maintenance and replacement of each additional culvert over 40'.

**Section 2:** The cost of replacing or resetting a driveway culvert will be the responsibility of the Town of Medway. The Highway Foreman shall determine the necessity of installing, replacing, or resetting a culvert. The town will perform all work unless specific written approval is obtained from the Highway Department Foreman prior to the work being performed.

**Section 3:** Notwithstanding the other provisions of this policy, the Town of Medway will not be responsible for installing, replacing or resetting a culvert if the homeowner, taxpayer, his agents or assigns, cause the condition which necessitates that a culvert be installed, replaced or reset.

The intent of this section is to place responsibility on the homeowner if he causes his own need for work to be performed, and to place responsibility on the Town if environmental or other uncontrollable factors cause the need for work to be performed. By way of example, and not limitation, a homeowner would be responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing a culvert if he ran over the end of it with a vehicle and closed off the end, or if he paved a large area and directed the run-off toward a culvert that was too small. The Town would be responsible in such cases as rusted out culverts, or culverts that had risen due to frost action.

**Section 4:** All driveway culverts shall have a minimum length of 20 feet and a maximum length of 40 feet, unless specific written approval to do otherwise is obtained from the Highway Foreman. This approval will not be granted unless there are legitimate extenuating circumstances that make a different length preferable.

All driveway culverts shall also be a minimum of 12 inches in diameter; the Highway Foreman may require that a larger diameter culvert be installed if he deems it necessary. Only Plastic corrugated culverts will be used for all new and existing. All culverts, regardless of whom they are installed by, should be set in gravel of good quality, and designed so as to allow the free flow of water through them. The area around the mouths of the culvert should be graded such as to prevent soil erosion.

**Section 5:** A Driveway Entrance permit must be obtained from the Town Office before any new culverts are installed.

**Section 6:** This policy is effective immediately upon signing, and replaces any other policies the Town had in respect to driveway culverts.

Given unto our hands this 8th day of August 2005.

Bruce Jones, Chairperson

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Darrell Lyons, Vice Chairperson

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