

## TOWN OF HOLDEN

### 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 Holden 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.

**Section 2:** The cost of installing, replacing, or resetting a driveway culvert will be the responsibility of the Town of Holden, if the work is to be performed by the Town Highway Department. The Highway Foreman shall determine the necessity of installing, replacing, or resetting a culvert. If it is their determination that a culvert does not need to be installed, replaced, or reset, the Town will not be responsible for performing the work.

**Section 3:** If a homeowner or taxpayer prefers, they may install, replace, or reset a culvert at their own expense under the following conditions:

(a) A homeowner or taxpayer may install, replace or reset a culvert by themselves according to the Town's specification; or

(b) A homeowner or taxpayer may employ an individual or contractor to install, replace or reset a culvert according to the Town's specifications.

**Section 4:** Notwithstanding the other provisions of this policy, the Town of Holden will not be responsible for installing, replacing or resetting a culvert if the homeowner, taxpayer, their 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 they causes their 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 repairing or replacing a culvert if they ran over the end of it with a vehicle and closed off the end, or if in the case of a washed out entrance the issue originated from outside of the right of way, or if the home owner 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. Repaving of culverts shall not be the Town's responsibility. The Town will not reset culverts that are humped unless water is being restricted.

On the installation of the initial culvert for a new dwelling, the homeowner or taxpayer is specifically deemed to be not responsible for causing the need for a culvert, and therefore, the Town will install the initial culvert at no charge.

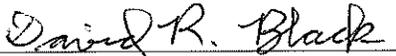
**Section 5:** All culverts shall have a minimum length of 24 feet and a maximum length of 36 feet, unless specific written approval to do otherwise is obtained from the Highway Foreman. This approval will not be granted unless there are legitimate extenuating circumstances that make a different length preferable. Poly culverts shall be ASTM type or ASTRO type.

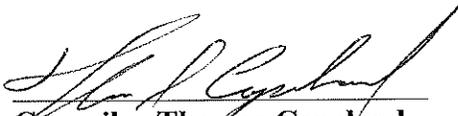
All culverts shall also be a minimum of 15 inches in diameter; the Highway Foreman may require that a larger diameter culvert be installed if they deem it necessary. All culverts, regardless of who they are installed by, should be set in gravel of good quality, and designed so as to allow the free flow of water through them. Before the culvert is installed all related ditching shall be completed so there will be proper cover and free flow of water into the culvert. The area around the mouths of the culvert should be rocked-up or graded such as to prevent soil erosion.

**Section 6:** A permit must be obtained from the Town Office before any new culverts are installed.

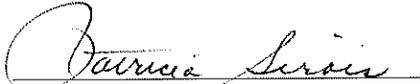
**Section 7:** This policy is effective immediately upon signing, and replaces any other policies the Town had in respect to driveway culverts.

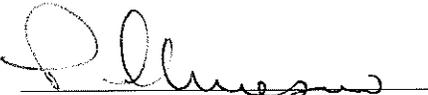
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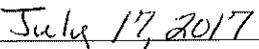
  
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