

**PERMITS AND PROCEDURES
FOR PENETRATION AND EXCAVATION
OF ROAD SURFACES**

I. "Dig Safe" shall be notified.

II. Penetration of Road Surfaces

- A. Prior to disrupting any road surface in the Town of Lanesborough, the Superintendent of the Highway Department shall be notified and the details of the proposed road penetration approved by the Superintendent.
- B. A permit shall be obtained from the Town Secretary. (Permit fee \$100.00 for each excavation.)
- C. The Superintendent shall supervise the excavation and road repair to verify that the work is accomplished according to the following specifications.

Note: In the case of an emergency, such as a water main break or gas main break, the above notification procedure shall be rescinded; however, the Superintendent shall be notified, and the work shall be done to the following specifications.

III. Specifications

For the three types of road surfaces in the Town of Lanesborough: Blacktop
Tar and Stone
Gravel

A. Blacktop Surface

A blacktop road surface will not be disturbed if there is any possible means of performing the work without disturbing the road surface. (Example, where a pipe or main must be placed perpendicular to the road from one side of the road to the other, it is not necessary to dig a trench across the road since the pipe can be hydraulically pushed through.)

Where the road surface must be disturbed, the area to be removed shall be marked out, cut with a jackhammer and then excavated. Under no circumstances will a backhoe or other device be permitted to lift up the blacktop and break it up in this fashion.

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The excavation will be filled with sand, up to and including masonry grain coarseness and compacted. The final patch of blacktop shall be at least the thickness of the existing surface (but not less than 2") and shall be of the Hot Mix type. Where winter conditions necessitate the use of cold patch blacktop, this shall be removed and replaced by the Hot Mix type when Summer weather conditions exist.

Final approval for the resealing of the road shall be given by the Superintendent of the Highway Department.

B. Tar and Stone Surface

The same specifications apply to this type surface as for the blacktop surface with the exception that the road surface of the excavation may be finished with either tar and stone or blacktop.

C. Gravel Roads

Excavation along a gravel road may be performed with the approval of the Road Superintendent. The excavation shall be filled, compacted and graded to meet the approval of the Highway Superintendent.

Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the refusal to grant future permits or the requirement of a performance bond to obtain a permit.

On January 22, 1996, the Board of Selectmen instituted a fine of \$100.00 for violation of this permitting process.

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