

# Definitions

## **STATE-MAINTAINED HIGHWAY**

Any class I or class III highway, or the state-maintained portion of a class II highway.

## **TOWN ROAD**

Any class V or class VI highway.

## **DRIVEWAY**

An area on a lot, tract, or parcel of land that provides ingress to or egress from a State-maintained highway or Town road.

## **DRIVEWAY ACCESS**

The area of a driveway, commonly referred to as a “curb cut”, that immediately adjoins a State-maintained highway or a Town road, and lies within its right-of-way.

# #307 DRIVEWAYS

## 307.1 Driveway Access

### **A: To State-Maintained Highway**

No driveway access adjoining a State-maintained highway may be established or altered within the limits of its right-of-way without first obtaining a [permit](#) from the NH State Department of Transportation (NHDOT) in accordance with their rules and regulations. The State regulations cover their right-of-way, which is the area from the travel-way to the property road frontage boundary or to the center of any existing stonewall boundary.

A copy of any state-issued permit must be filed with the Town prior to the start of driveway construction or alteration.

### **B: To Town Road**

No driveway access adjoining a Town road may be established or altered within the limits of their respective right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the Town.

Part I of the [Driveway Permit Application](#) specifies the details of construction, including drainage, deemed necessary to protect the Town and adjoining properties and must be approved by the Director of Public Works.

The requirements governing driveway access are specified in separate [Driveway Regulations](#), adopted by the Planning Board pursuant to [RSA 236:13](#).

## 307.2 Driveway Design and Construction

All driveways shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Driveways with a slope of greater than twelve (12) percent shall not be permitted.
- b. Any driveway crossing a wetland or body of water shall have all permits required by NH DES Wetland Bureau before construction commences.
- c. Driveways shall be constructed in a suitable condition for emergency vehicles. Driveways longer than 500 feet in length shall have a turnout to allow two (2) emergency vehicles to pass one another.

Prior to driveway construction or alteration, Part II of the [Driveway Permit Application](#) must be approved by the Select Board.