

Groton Highway Department

Phillip and I try our best to control cost while maintaining a level of service that keeps up with needed maintenance of roads. We welcome input and if you have any ideas or concerns please let us know.



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[TOWN OF GROTON- MUNICIPAL ROAD EROSION AND STREAM CROSSING INVENTORY AND CAPITAL BUDGET \(2015-2019\)](#)

TOWN OF GROTON WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. **TH #1** (Powder Spring Rd.) and **TH #2** (Minard Hill Rd.) have priority followed by school bus routes, then major traffic routes and then we will plow the roads which we feel cause the most problems for the public (traffic volume, steepness) and other roads in the most cost efficient manner.
2. The town of Groton has two full time employees to do this winter maintenance. It takes about six hours to complete plowing after the snow stops. We may vary from above priorities for emergency situations. (fires, ambulance, etc.)
3. The town office and fire station lot should be plowed enough to let emergency vehicles in and out and the public in and out during office hours. (parking lot needs to be empty of vehicles to plow completely.)
4. The town will enforce no parking rules at all places where the plow trucks turn around.
5. Vehicles parked or abandoned in right-of-way or on town-owned property may be moved at owner's expense. The Town of Groton will

not be responsible for damage to personal property left in right-of-way.

6. No person shall plow or otherwise deposit snow onto the traveled way, shoulder or sidewalk of a class 2 or 3 town highway. ([23 VSA § 1126A](#)).

7. The town does not plow class 4 roads or private roads.

8. After 16 hours on the job we are required to stop operations and get a minimum of 6 hours off.

9. Salt will be applied to class 2 paved roads and paved end of Goodfellow Rd. (5-1) with sand added as necessary. (salt is not effective when road temperature is below 20 degrees).

10. Sand will be applied to the gravel roads. (at temperatures below 0° sand, will not stay on the road)

11. On nights and weekends there will be a lower level of maintenance to help control costs. In most cases there will be no maintenance between 10pm and 4am.

12. Sidewalks are cleaned in the early morning, then again when state and town highway departments are done plowing. This takes about 3-1/2 hours.