

**Selectboard  
Town of Weston  
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Addendum to Driveway Culvert Policy

When a permit for driveway access is applied for by an owner, it is determined whether a driveway culvert is needed or not. If a culvert is needed, the size is specified on the permit, it is the responsibility of the property owner to have it installed properly. This access is needed by the permittee to get to their property and not by the traveling public and therefore, it is NOT a Town Culvert. A Town Culvert is used to transport water from one side of the highway to the other side.

If a driveway culvert needs to be replaced to improve the integrity or safety of the Highway, it is the responsibility of the property owner to perform the necessary repair.

If a property owner has a defective culvert that they would like fixed, the person can have the culvert fixed by a contractor who must obtain a permit to work within the road right-of-way prior to commencing construction. Alternatively, the owner may purchase the culvert necessary for this work and have the town install it for a fee adequate to recover costs, as the Road Foreman's schedule permits.

If the Selectboard decides that the repair is necessary to maintain the integrity of the town roads, the Town has the option to do the work and bill the property owner. In the case of subsequent failure by the property owner to pay, the Town will put a lien on the property for the cost of the repair to be paid back when the property is sold. The property owner has the option to pay off the lien at any time and have the lien marked discharged in the town records.

The Town may clean culverts in driveways when they are causing a problem for the traveling public as part of regular road maintenance, however, it is the responsibility of the property owner to routinely clean and maintain driveway culverts.

Dated and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015  
Town of Weston Selectboard



