# TOWN OF HIGHGATE DRIVEWAY STANDARDS

## DRIVEWAYS, ENTRANCES AND APPROACHES

Driveways cannot interrupt the natural or ditch line flow of drainage water. In some cases where shallow ditch lines or natural drainage courses exist, driveways may be swelled at a point beyond the road shoulder to accommodate the flow of storm water. In all cases requiring culverts, driveways must have sufficiently sized culverts installed and forever maintained by the homeowner or developer. In no case shall the culvert pipe under a driveway be less than 15 inches in diameter.

Driveways shall intersect the roadway at a preferred angle of 90 degrees but in no case shall the intersecting angle be less than 50 degrees. No driveway will be permitted to be constructed within 100 feet of an intersecting street and at least 150 feet is desirable. Under no circumstances shall a driveway permit allow construction which will result in drainage or washing directly out to a Town Highway. In the event a driveway causes damage to a Town Highway through improper construction, maintenance or grading, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to make the necessary repairs upon notification in writing by the Town. In the event such repairs as are required are not made within 30 days, the town shall take whatever steps are necessary to insure the interests of the Town and shall bill the property owner for any expenses involved.

If, in the judgment of the Highway Department or Selectboard, warning or caution signs are needed for a new or existing driveway, the Town will install the required signage at the expense of the developer or landowner.

## VERMONT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION:

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DRIVES Standard # B-71

## MAIL BOX STANDARDS:

Mailbox supports should not be set in concrete unless the support design has been shown to be safe by crash tests when so installed. A single 4-inch x 4-inch or 4 ½-inch diameter wooden post or a metal post with strength no greater than a 2-inch diameter standard strength steel pipe and embedded no more than 24 inches into the ground is acceptable as a mailbox support. A metal post should not be fitted with an anchor plate, but it may have an anti-twist device that extends no more than 10 inches below the ground surface. The post-to-box attachment details should be of sufficient strength to prevent the box from separating from the post top if the installation is struck by a vehicle.