## TOWN OF SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD POLICY REGARDING DRIVEWAY ACCESS TO TOWN ROADS

Pursuant to <u>Title 19 Vermont Statues Annotated</u>, <u>Section 1111</u>, a written permit shall be required from the <u>Selectboard</u> for the construction, alteration, relocation or change of use of any driveway or private road access to a Town road (curb cut). All <u>permits</u> issued for road access shall conform with the following:

- 1. Applications shall be made to the town on a standard form adopted by the Selectboard.
- 2. Accesses will be built to Vermont Agency of Transportation standard specifications <u>B-71</u> and the exact location shall be identified by the applicant on a map submitted with the application.
- 3. A minimum 15 inch polyethylene or coated steel driveway culvert shall be installed. The Selectboard may waive this requirement or require a larger culvert as deemed necessary to accommodate drainage conditions.
- 4. Visibility between an access and the highway will be a minimum of 150 feet in all directions, without obstruction. Trees, brush, fences, posts, or other structures which obstruct clear vision will be removed when possible. No access shall be constructed closer than 150 feet to a sharp curve or blind area.
- 5. Driveway accesses will be constructed level or no more than 3% grade away from the road for a minimum of 20 feet for safe starting and stopping. If this is not possible the town may require a paved apron or any asphalt bar built into the road with a paved apron on a gravel access entering a paved road.
- 6. All access roads should enter perpendicular to the existing Town road at a preferred angle of 90 degrees but no less than 60 degrees.
- 7. Safety of traffic on the Town road shall be the primary criteria for establishing where an access will be permitted on a parcel.
- 8. The property owner shall maintain the road access to the satisfaction of the Town. The property owner shall be responsible for maintaining culverts and other structures within the town easement, particularly if they impact or will potentially impact the public road. If damage to a town road is caused by improper construction, maintenance, or grading, it is the responsibility of the property owner to make necessary repairs at his/her expense. If repairs are not made within thirty days of notice, the Town will make repairs and bill the property owner for expenses.
- 9. The Town Road Foreman will inspect access installation before completion.
- 10. Violation of any conditions established in this policy or in a permit approval shall be grounds for the revocation of the permit by the Selectboard and the physical closure of the access.
- 11. All construction approved in the granting of an access permit shall be completed within one year from the date of approval, or such permit shall terminate.

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12. No more than one curb cut shall be provided to a residential lot.

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