

## TOWN OF HARDWICK

# WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. Plow Routes are set up to open the major traffic bus routes first. After all bus routes are finished, staff will plow the roads which appear historically to cause the most problems for the public. This is based on traffic volume, steepness and curves. Staff will continue plowing until all roads are open. Please note that good winter tires are necessary for safe driving in the particular climate we live in and Hardwick does not have the resources to maintain bare roads throughout the Town.
2. The Town of Hardwick has six road crew members to plow, sand, and/or salt 65 miles of Town roads and Town sidewalks. Town plow vehicles do not travel at high rates of speed while performing road maintenance operations. Each member of the road crew has their own specific route, which takes anywhere from three - five hours to complete. These routes only vary in instances of emergency needs.
3. The Town does not plow or sand class four roads, private roads or driveways.
4. Road operations generally start at 3:00am on the weekdays to have the bus routes clear by 6:30am. The Road Foreman and the Police Department monitor conditions and respond accordingly. Highway maintenance staff will be called in to work at the discretion of the Road Foreman.
5. Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees.
6. The Town's sand and salt resources are to be used for winter maintenance of the roads, not for private commercial use, though individual public use of Town sand is permitted.
7. Please be aware that the Town is not responsible for items left or placed in the Town road right of way without permission of the Town and these may be damaged or destroyed during road maintenance activities. Per the Town Traffic Ordinance, during the period from the 15th day of November of each year to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April of the following year, no person shall park any vehicle or permit any vehicle to remain parked on any public highway in the Town between the hours of 12:00am and 6:00am.
8. If there is an emergency after regular working hours in regards to water, sewer or highway, please call the Police Department at 472-5475 to have them contact the necessary resources.

**Please give yourself some extra time when the weather is bad and please drive safely.**

Tom Fadden, Public Works Foreman

Jon Jewett, Town Manager

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