ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF NEW TOWN ROADS

Approved March 1987 by Town Meeting

The Selectmen shall be prohibited from laying out a road for Town Meeting acceptance, pursuant to Title 30-A, Chapter 141 (formerly Chapter 303 of Title 23) of the Maine Revised Statutes, unless the road meets the following requirements:

1. A right-of-way four (4) rods in width shall be deeded to the inhabitants of the Town of Fayette; except that a fifty (50) foot right-of-way shall be sufficient when, in the opinion of the Selectmen it is unlikely that the road will ever be accepted as a State-aid road.
2. An eighteen (18) foot wide travelled way with three (3) foot shoulders on both sides.
3. The area under the travelled way shall be stripped of all loam and top soli prior to placing a minimum of sixteen (16) inches of base gravel and four (4) inches of finished gravel which shall conform to State of Maine specifications. Finally, the travelled portion of the road shall be tarred or paved to Town specifications. The Selectmen shall have the authority to increase these requirements to the extent that the road conditions warrant.
4. Adequate ditches and culverts, as determined by the Selectmen.
5. The specifications of this ordinance constitute minimum requirements which may be increased by the Selectmen when the particular conditions of the road in question so warrant.
6. To a distance of twenty-five (25) feet from the road center on both sides, trees and brush must be cut to ground level, stumps, protruding rocks and other obstructions removed.
7. Such easements shall be granted to the Town by property owners adjoining the right-of-way as the Selectmen determine are required for proper drainage and slope.
8. Before the construction of a new road, or the reconstruction of an existing road, an engineer’s plan, showing the specifications to which the road will be built, shall be submitted to the Selectmen for approval. This requirement may be waived by the selectmen, for an existing road, when the required reconstruction can be adequately described without such an engineer’s plan.
9. The Selectmen shall be notified of, and given opportunity to inspect each stage of construction or reconstruction.
10. An adequate radius, as determined by the Selectmen, shall be provided at the junction of the new road and any existing public road.
11. The banks and ditches shall be seeded to prevent erosion.
12. An adequate turn-around area at the end of the new road shall be provided where necessary, as determined by the Selectmen.