

# TOWN OF TRURO

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## POLICY MEMORANDUM #17

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\*This policy was revised at the September 13, 2022 Select Board meeting solely to reflect the titles used in the Town Charter for the Town Manager and Select Board and to modify language to be gender neutral. No changes were made to the content of the Policy at that meeting.

Subject: **POLICY FOR REPAIR OR SNOW PLOWING OF PRIVATE ROADS**

### **Repairs on Private Way**

Repair work on private ways by the Truro Department of Public Works (DPW) will be limited to temporary repairs and scheduled only when indicated by emergencies. The DPW Director, in consultation with the Town Manager (or, in their absence, the Assistant Town Manager or the Chair of the Select Board, or, in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, or the Clerk) shall determine whether or not an emergency exists, and shall oversee the appropriate temporary repair after receiving permission from abutters. The repair shall be limited to filling in of holes with sand, gravel, or other suitable material in order to make said way passable, and shall not include construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, or drainage of said ways. There will be no betterment charge.

### **Snow Removal from Private Ways**

Snow plowing and sanding of private roads shall be undertaken only in emergency situations. Individuals and families known to the Town through the COA (Elders of Concern), Police, and Fire and Rescue, and those at-risk or with special needs will be, if possible and appropriate, given priority. Individuals and families who believe they are particularly at-risk to need assistance are encouraged to make themselves known to the Town (COA, Police, Fire, Town Manager) prior to winter storm events and emergency situations. The Town Manager will ensure that a comprehensive list of those most at-risk, vulnerable and/or with special needs is maintained and shared between the COA, Police, Fire and DPW so that a coordinated response is facilitated and undertaken.

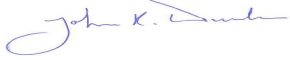
The Town Manager in consultation with the DPW Director and if appropriate the Police Chief, Fire Chief and COA Director, will make the ultimate determination whether or not to plow a private road.

Property owners on private roads are encouraged to maintain their road(s) to a standard that will not jeopardize the safety of Town employees and equipment if emergency plowing services become necessary. The Town will consider private road standards when evaluating emergency requests.



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