

**TOWN OF CANTON  
GENERAL DRIVEWAY AND CULVERT POLICY**

**Originally Adopted: 6-12-2019**

In the interest of articulating a clear policy regarding the installation and maintenance of driveways along public highways within the Town of Canton, the Town Board hereby adopts the following:

**1) Definitions**

“Property Owner” shall mean any owner, landholder, or other holder in fee of a parcel of land within the Town of Canton.

“Public Highway” shall have the same definition as that articulated by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

“Right of Way” shall mean any easement or path for ingress or egress duly recorded with the County in a deed of record with respect to a subject parcel.

**2) In the event a culvert needs to be replaced or installed underneath a new or existing driveway within the Town of Canton, the following responsibilities will apply:**

A) The property owner, landholder, or other holder in fee of the subject parcel shall be responsible for the purchase of the pipe to be installed.

B) The Town of Canton Highway Department shall be responsible for the installation of the culvert and all reasonably related tasks appurtenant thereto, including laying, smoothing, and maintenance of the crushed stone or aggregate surrounding the pipe.

2) The Town of Canton Highway Department will use all reasonable due diligence to identify and expedite potential culvert and driveway work that is necessary to maintain the integrity of public highways within the Town.

**3) In the event a property owner, landholder, or other holder in fee of a parcel wishes to replace a culvert in a right of way granted to the Town and the Town does not believe such replacement or maintenance is necessary to maintain the integrity of the public highway adjacent thereto, the property owner may effectuate the installation of a new pipe at their expense.**

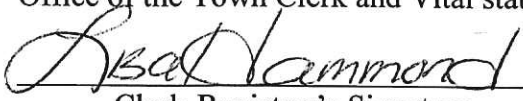
A) Self-installation in this fashion shall be subject to special permit requirements from the Town. The installation of the culvert shall meet the requirements and specifications enumerated by Town of Canton.

B) In the event the self-installation fails to adhere to either of the above-captioned requirements, the Town has the ability to mandate that the property owner correct the issue, or be potentially subject to any and all violations that may apply within the Town Code.

*Motion Bob Washo  
Seconded Jim Smith  
all in favor*

4) If a public highway within the Town of Canton is in imminent danger, the Town of Canton Highway Department shall have the authority to maintain, install, or replace any culvert within a Town right of way at the Town's expense, regardless of whether or not the aforementioned work is authorized by the property owner.

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Clerk-Registrar's Signature