

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRACK-CHANGES VERSION OF PROPOSED TEXT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE BARNARD UNIFIED ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS.

THE FOLLOWING TEXT PROPOSED TO AMEND LANGUAGE IN SECTIONS 5.6 AND 6.6.5.

Section 5.6 Subdivision Standards

g) ~~No new slopes may be created with a grade greater than 1:3.~~ Disturbance of steep slopes (slopes greater than or equal to 25%) ~~(over 25%)~~ shall be minimized. ~~Subdivisions Development~~ on slopes greater than 25% ~~may shall~~ require a licensed professional engineer to certify that the proposed development they do not pose does not pose a landslide or erosion risk. No new slopes may be created with a slope exceeding 50%.

o) Private road construction must satisfy the requirements of the Town Highway Policy and Road and Bridge Standards. Driveways ~~may shall~~ not exceed 108% grade. Blasting of new driveways and private roads shall be prohibited, unless it is necessary to meet the requirements of Section 4.13 (D) (2) of this bylaw. If the subdivision is on an existing private road, or will cause the creation of a private road, improvements to the existing road or right-of-way may be required for public safety and emergency access. A driveway or private road plan with longitudinal profiles and typical cross sections shall be required for any subdivision. The plan shall meet the standards specified in section 4.13.

Section 6.6.5 Application Requirements

c)
4. existing site features, to include prominent topographic features and areas of steep Slope, including areas greater than or equal to 15% slope ~~(25% or greater)~~; surface waters, wetlands and associated buffers;

THE FOLLOWING TEXT PROPOSED TO BE ADDED AS SECTION 4.13.

Section 4.13 Access, Driveways and Private Roads

A) Access. Any new access onto a town or state highway shall require an access permit. An access permit onto a town road shall be obtained from the Selectboard. Access onto a state highway shall be obtained from VTRANS.

B) Driveways. A permit shall be obtained from the Zoning Administrator for the development of any new driveway, or expansion of a driveway, accessing one lot. A driveway plan that meets the criteria below shall be submitted with permit applications.

Driveway Standards: All driveways shall meet the following standards.

1. Minimum width of the travel portion of the driveway shall be 12 feet.

See subsection D for additional driveway standards.

C) **Private Roads.** Any driveway serving more than one lot is considered a private road and shall obtain a permit from the Zoning Administrator. A plan that meets the criteria below shall be submitted with permit applications.

Private Road Standards:

1. **Minimum Right-of-way** – The minimum right-of-way shall be fifty (50) feet.
2. **Minimum Road Width** – The travelled portion of the road shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) feet in width.
3. **Road Bed** – The road bed shall be prepared, the road graded and crowned and provision for drainage made so that the road will not be subject to erosion.
4. **Intersections** – All approaches to intersections shall have a maximum slope of three (3) percent for a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet from the centerline of the intersected road.

See subsection D for additional private road standards.

D) **Additional standards applicable to driveways and private roads:** The following standards shall be applied to review of both driveways and private roads.

1. **Emergency vehicle access.** Driveways and private roads shall be built to allow adequate access for emergency vehicles. Applicants shall consult with the Fire Department and receive their concurrence on plans prior to approval or issuance of any driveway or private road permit.
2. **Maximum centerline grade** shall not exceed 10%. Blasting to meet grade is prohibited, unless the DRB finds such blasting better protects prime or statewide agricultural land and/or large blocks of contiguous forest from fragmentation and encroachment. The DRB shall review the application to verify the location of the proposed driveway or private road and associated development. The applicant shall be required to demonstrate why the development as proposed cannot be reasonably accommodated in a more suitable location on the lot.
3. **Turnoffs** shall be provided where the fire department determines that road length, slope, or other conditions make passage or meeting vehicles a safety hazard.
4. Driveways and private roads shall not encroach more than three hundred feet into any state designated priority and high priority forest block or habitat connector, deer wintering yards, or within 50' of a wetland, and shall reasonably avoid encroachment onto statewide and prime agricultural soils. State maps shall be used unless the applicant, at their expense, supplies more detailed mapping. See subsection D for additional driveway standards.

THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS PROPOSED TO BE ADDED TO ARTICLE 8.

Driveway: A minor, private travel way serving one parcel, which provides vehicular access from an adjoining road to a parking space, garage or other structure. See also Road.

Private Road: A privately owned access road serving two or more lots.