

THE FOLLOWING IS 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) Disturbance of steep slopes (slopes greater than or equal to 25%) shall be minimized. Development on slopes greater than 25% shall require a licensed professional engineer to certify that the proposed development 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 shall not exceed 15% grade. 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

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4. existing site features, to include prominent topographic features and areas of steep Slope, including areas greater than or equal to 15% slope; 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. **Maximum Centerline Grade** shall not exceed 15% except under special circumstances. Driveways under 200' in total length may exceed this grade no less than 50' from the town highway, or sections under 100' in length may be allowed to exceed 15% where the DRB finds that adjacent sections of road allow for vehicles to slow down safely. In no case shall driveways exceed 18% grade.
2. **Turnoffs** shall be provided where the Road Foreman or an individual appointed by the Selectboard determines that road length, slope, or other conditions make passage or meeting vehicles a safety hazard.
3. 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 class II wetland, or 100' of a class I wetland (as designated on the Vermont State Wetlands Inventory map), 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.

- E) **Driveway and Private Road Disclaimer:** The Town will only be responsible for public road access to the driveway or private road to the point where the driveway or private road meets a class 1, 2, or 3 public road. The maintenance of the private road or driveway is the responsibility of the landowner(s). The Town will not guarantee access to the interior parts of the property over a driveway or private road. This disclaimer shall be attached to all issued driveway and private road permits.

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.

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