

## **TOWN OF THETFORD WINTER ROADS MAINTENANCE POLICY**

In response to increasing demands on road maintenance services, the Board of Selectmen and the Road Commissioner have developed this Policy to prioritize the maintenance of roads under snow or freezing rain conditions.

When schools are in session, school bus routes are maintained first. Other blacktopped roads are next, then remaining gravel roads are plowed and/or sanded. At other times, blacktopped roads are a priority, then gravel roads will be maintained in order of frequency of use.

During freezing rain conditions, school bus routes are again the first to be maintained, then blacktopped roads. During heavy freezing rain when roads glaze over shortly after they are sanded, the road crew may not be able to keep all gravel roads open. However, gravel roads will be sanded as soon as possible after the storm ends.

With concern for the Road Crew's safety driving throughout the day and into the night, during minor snowstorms, Road Crew need not attempt to keep the roads clear by plowing through the night.

The Road Crew is available for fire/medical emergencies as necessary.

As no policy can cover all situations, the Selectmen authorize the Road Commissioner to use his discretion in the implementation of this Policy.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Thetford Board of Selectmen on December 14, 1992, and in effect as of this date. Amended February 1, 1993. Reconfirmed January 2, 1997.