

At a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on December 21, 1972, the following action was taken:

1. Article II of the Ordinances of the Town of Ridgefield was repealed and the following was adopted in its place:

ARTICLE II HIGHWAY EXCAVATION AND DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION

Section 1. No person, firm, or corporation shall open or excavate any public highway or excavate within any public right of way or construct, build, or establish any driveway abutting any Town highway in the Town of Ridgefield without first obtaining a permit from the Dept. of Public Services.

Section 2. Before any permit is issued, the permittee shall provide either a cash bond or a performance bond with surety and conditions satisfactory to the Dept. of Public Services as hereinafter set forth:

a. For service connections and repairs to same (trenches 50 feet or less in length), a bond in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be required.

b. For driveway construction a bond in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be required.

c. For all other types of construction or repairs, a bond in an amount to be determined by the Director of Public Services, dependent upon the nature of the work, shall be required.

Section 3. The bond will not be released until the work has been accomplished in the manner set forth in the succeeding paragraphs of this ordinance. If the work is not completed within one year after the date of the permit, the Director of Public Services may revoke the bond and use the funds to pay for the completion of the work.

NOTE: It is the procedure of the Director of Public Services to inspect sites before issuing Driveway or Excavation Permits.

Section 4. Before commencing any work on or in a public highway the excavator shall

notify the Director of Public Services of their intent. Failure to do so will be grounds for immediate revocation of the permit.

Section 5. During the course of the work, proper barricades and lights shall be erected and maintained to protect the public. If, in the judgment of the Director of Public Services, adequate safeguards have not been taken, they may cause the situation to be rectified and the cost of doing so shall be deducted from the bond.

Section 6. The person or firm to whom the permit is issued shall prosecute the work diligently at all times and the manner of working shall be under the immediate direction of the Director of Public Services. Failure to conform to their directives shall be cause for revocation of the permit.

Section 7. In the case of highway excavation, the following procedures shall apply:

a. Regardless of the type of material excavated, only dry granular material shall be used for backfill purposes and all unsuitable materials shall be removed from the site of the excavation. The backfill material shall be thoroughly compacted in 12 inch layers by suitable methods and in all cases only approved bank-run gravel shall be used for the top 12 inches.

b. When backfill material has been placed and compacted as directed, the excavator shall install a temporary patch using a hot or cold bituminous mix of a type approved by the Director of Public Services. This patch shall remain in place for a period of sixty (60) days, during which time the excavator shall be responsible for the maintenance of same. At the end of this period the excavator shall install a permanent patch as hereinafter set forth.

c. The permanent surfacing shall consist of asphaltic concrete ONLY and shall be installed in two courses. The first course shall consist of a binder mix, the total compacted thickness of which shall be two (2) inches. When the trench is prepared for the final surfacing, the old

material shall be fully excavated and the edges of the trench cut off twelve inches wider than the original width of the excavation. All edges shall be neatly trimmed to form straight lines insofar as possible and a compressor or masonry saw shall be used for this purpose. Compaction of the trench shall be by means of vibratory equipment or other mechanical means of a type approved by the Director of Public Services. All edges shall be sealed using an approved sealing compound.

Section 8. In the case of driveway construction, the area between the existing paved or traveled portion of the Town Highway and the owner's property line shall be constructed in the following manner:

a. Said area shall have a base of bank run gravel or broken stone at least six inches in depth.

b. Said area shall be surfaced with two inches of asphaltic concrete properly compacted and so graded that the flow of water in the highway gutter will not be impeded and that water will not flow from the highway into the driveway.

c. Where unusual conditions exist, the construction must conform to any special requirements which the Director of Public Services may specify.

Section 9. The excavator shall, at all times, keep the adjoining highway free of loose material. If excessive dusting occurs calcium chloride shall be applied in such amounts as to minimize inconvenience to the adjacent landowners and the traveling public.

Section 10. Upon completion of the work covered by the permit, all disturbed surfaces shall be restored to their original condition insofar as is reasonably possible and the person or firm to whom the permit was issued shall be responsible for maintaining the newly surfaced area for a period of one year after the work is completed.

Section 11. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less

than twenty-five or no more than one hundred dollars.

2. Article I of the Ordinances of the Town of Ridgefield was amended by the addition of the following:

Section 11. Every person, firm or corporation desiring to name a road or street must consult with the Board of Selectmen to ascertain if the proposed name is acceptable to them before said name is filed for any land deeds or printed on any street sign. (This provision was deleted from Article II and added to Article I by Board of Selectmen December 21, 1972, effective January 1, 1973.)

These amendments will be effective January 1, 1973.

The following amendment to the Ordinance of the Town of Ridgefield entitled "Highway Excavation and Driveway Construction" was adopted at the Town Meeting of March 23, 1977.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Section 1 (b) of Article II of the ordinance of the Town of Ridgefield entitled "Highway Excavation and Driveway Construction" be and the same hereby is, amended to read as follow:

"b. For driveway construction, a bond in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be required.