

LOAD LIMITS

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NH

APRIL 9, 2003

In the interest of protecting the Town's roadways from unreasonable damage and/or the taxpayers from extraordinary municipal maintenance expense, the Town of Bennington has established the following policy in respect to Load Limits, all in compliance with RSA 231:91.

This policy recognizes the significance of trucking/logging to the Town's economy and is crafted to provide the Road Agent with a responsibility for its common-sense application and truckers/loggers with a clear understanding of their obligation for payment of any and all damage they may cause.

It is also established with the concurrence of the Road Agent that the imposition of Load Limits are necessary in order to prevent the damage cited above.

PROCEDURES

- 1) The Load Limit will be six tons; its application will be from March 1 to May 1 annually, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.
- 2) A Public Notice of imposition of the Load Limit will be placed in at least one area newspaper at least one week in advance of March 1.
- 3) All Class V roadways will be posted at least one week in advance of March 1.
- 4) Any logger/trucker requiring an exception to the Limit must request it in writing by March 1. If denied by the Road Agent, the trucker may appeal in writing to the Board of Selectmen.
- 5) The Road Agent will share all Load Limit information with the Chief of Police.
- 6) Truckers/loggers and property owners of current Intent-to-Cut approvals will be provided with a written reminder of the Load Limits and this policy document in February of each year.
- 7) The Road Agent will monitor all trucker/logger operations and report any problems to the Board of Selectmen.