

# **TOWN OF NORTHFIELD**

## **Ordinance for Closing Class VI Highways**

Regulation of Use of Class VI Town Roads Established

**Whereas** the Town of Northfield has as part of its highway system an extensive network of unmaintained Class VI roads; and

**Whereas** these roads are a valued public resource for recreational activities, as well as a means of providing access to back lands for firefighting and other safety equipment as well as access to private lands for forestry activities; and

**Whereas** motorized wheeled vehicle usage during certain seasonal periods of the year cause damage to these public highways;

**Now therefore**, pursuant to RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17-VII, the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield hereby establish the following regulations for the use of Class VI Town Roads:

**1. Restrictions on Use of Class VI Roads**

All Class VI Highways within the Town of Northfield are closed to all motorized wheeled vehicles from December 1 to June 1.

**2. Permit Required**

Exceptions to the above stated closure are available, by written permit only, from the Northfield Road Agent, Director of Public Works or designee. The Road Agent, Director of Public Works or designee may attach conditions to the use of an issued permit, including but not limited to the duration of the permit, and may revoke a permit without notice, in his sole discretion, he finds that the holder's use of Class VI roads pursuant to the permit is contrary to the purposes of this Ordinance.

The holder of a permit must have the permit in their possession at all times while operating under the permit, and produce it for inspection upon the request of an official of the Town of Northfield. Issuance of a permit does not exempt the user from being liable for damage to the roadway.

**3. Exceptions**

This Ordinance shall not apply to emergency vehicles and to any motorized vehicle operated by or at the direction of the Town of Northfield, nor to the owners of property that is accessed by a Class VI road, to the extent the Class VI road is required for access.

**4. Penalty**

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance in one calendar year shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows, the first offence shall be \$150.00, second offense shall be \$250.00 and third offence shall be \$500.00 and may be held liable for damages to the highway pursuant to RSA 236:38 and 236:39.

### **NORTHFIELD CLASS VI ROADS**

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For posting against motorized wheeled vehicles between December 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>

All or portions of the following are classified as Class VI roads, some subject to gates and bars. This list is for use with the "Ordinance to Close Class VI Roads" adopted by the Board of Selectmen on June 4, 2019.

Bean Hill Road  
Fiddlers Choice Road  
Forrest Road  
Glidden Road  
Knowles Farm Road  
Ledge Road

Minor Road  
Misery Road  
Mt. Tugg Road  
Payson Road  
Polly Ham Road  
Rand Road

Range Way #4  
Scribner Road  
Shedd Road  
Windfall Road