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DRIVEWAY STANDARDS ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

Summary

The proposed Ordinance changes will clarify the applicability to the driveway standards to various roads in Town. They will also update certain performance standards to address current construction practices and safety issues.

Current vs. Proposed Driveway Standards

Aspect	Current	Proposed
Clarify jurisdiction of the Road Commissioner.	Driveway permits for "Town" roads.	Driveway permits for roads maintained by the Town or approved by the Planning Board. MDOT issues driveway permits on State routes.
Safe sight distances at driveway entrance.	Table is inconsistent with MDOT standards.	Adopt MDOT standards for consistency.
Driveway grade at road entrance.	Ten percent.	Three percent.
Driveway angle at road entrance.	Road Commissioner can approve greater less than 75 degree angle.	Require all driveways to be at least 75 degrees.
Paving of driveway apron.	Must be paved if grade exceeds 5 percent.	Must be paved if roadway is paved.
Erosion controls.	Erosion control standards are contained in other parts of the Ordinance.	Reference the general erosion control standards.

Why the Changes?

The current language is unclear as to the meaning of "Town" roads. Is that all roads in Town or just those maintained by the Town? The clarification gives the Road Commissioner authority over all new driveway placement along roads where the Town has regulatory authority and leaves authority for new driveway placement on State routes with MDOT. Changes on safe sight distances, driveway grade at the entrance, paving of driveway entrances, and erosion standards are included.

We want to hear from you!

Do you support the proposed changes to the driveway standards or have any concerns with them? Please share your thoughts with the Planning Board during the public participation process. You can submit written comments to the Town Planner for circulation to the Board by emailing townplanner@durhammaine.gov.