

# Town of Pownal

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## NOTES FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

April 22, 2019

### 2019 ROAD POSTINGS HEAVY LOADS LIMITED EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The following roads are closed, unless SOLIDLY FROZEN, to all vehicles or combination of vehicles; the road is considered "solidly frozen" only when the air temperature is 32 degrees F or below and no water is showing in the cracks of the road. Both conditions must be met.

- Loring Ln
- Verrill Rd **DIRT**
- Chadsey Rd
- Depot Rd
- Dows Ln
- Durham Rd
- Tryon Rd
- Lawrence Rd **DIRT**
- Wilson Rd
- Sweetser Rd
- Minot Rd
- Poland Range Rd **DIRT**
- Upper Minot Rd
- Libby Rd **DIRT**
- Leighton Rd

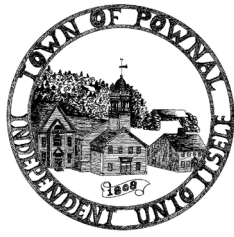
POSTINGS WILL BE LIFTED MAY 1, 2019 OR EARLIER IF POSSIBLE

EXEMPTIONS: Emergency Vehicles, Public Utilities, Municipal Vehicles, Home Heating Fuel Delivery Trucks, Bulk Milk/Bulk Feed Trucks with a MDOT exemption certificate, any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000lbs and traveling WITH OUT A LOAD other than tools or equipment necessary for the proper operation of the vehicles. This exemption does not apply to special mobile equipment. A scale ticket must accompany any vehicle showing weight of vehicle and load is said to be 23,000lbs or under.

For emergency situations, permits will be issued. To apply for a permit please contact Dick Clarke at 207-688-4407 or 207-650-0433.

### NOTES:

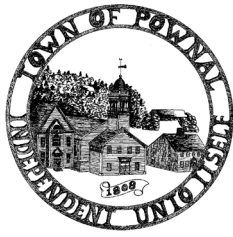
- On April 16, 2019 I removed the road postings on all paved roads in town. We will continue to keep the gravel roads posted until they dry out.
- In the past two weeks we have concentrated on the gravel roads. But are limited to what we can do. Many of the problems have been ongoing and are being identified in the long-term gravel road plan I am working on for the selectmen and Capital Improvement Committee. Clay, Ledge and "Dead Sand" are unsuitable for good gravel roads. For us to have good gravel roads we need the "Three D's" Surface Drainage, Sub Surface Drainage and Side Drainage. And a good draining road base and surface gravel put back into the roads to what has been lost over the years from plowing, wind, erosion, dust and tracking.



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- On April 24<sup>th</sup> we will all be attending a Work Zone Traffic Control Workshop that is a Maine Bureau of Labor Standards required training.
- I have begun my Spring road inspections and roadside clean-up of trash.
- In the next few weeks we will be starting vegetation management (cutting brush)
- We have several culvert repairs/replacements coming up in the next two months.
- This summer we will be concentrating on crack sealing our paved roads.
- I have requested from the Maine Local Roads program a Gravel Road Maintenance training that would include Grader training for the new employees.
- As the weather improves and we are working on the town roads, please slow down and be aware of the road crew. My goal is that we “Work Safe and Everyone Goes Home”.
- The Department of Environmental Protection “Stream Smart Grant” application has opened and our Engineer A E Hodsdon will be submitting our grant request on our behalf.
- Don Randall and Matthew Nielsen will be attending Erosion Control training in May. This will certify all four of the public works crew in Erosion Control.
- I am presently working on our work projects list for this year. This includes work on the gravel roads, vegetation maintenance (brush, tree work and roadside mowing)
- Last week we replaced a failed 18” metal culvert on Chadsey road with a 24” N-12 ADS pipe.
- I want to thank the town’s people that have contacted me with road concerns. This does help us to respond in a more efficient and effective way.  
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- In case of an emergency I (Dick Clarke) can be reached at 207-650-0433 or Brunswick Dispatch at 207-721-4301.