

# POLICY--97-02

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**To:** All Department Heads  
**cc:** Select Board, Gregg Wilson- Town Atty FYI, VLCT PACIF  
**From:** James A. McSweeney, Town Manager  
**Re:** Policy Memorandum #97-02- Maintenance of bridges & culverts on Class 4 Roads  
**Date:** January 21, 1997

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## EFFECTIVE DATE- IMMEDIATE

**PURPOSE:** Class 4 roads are not required to be maintained by the Town, but they may do so "to the extent required by the necessity of the Town, the public good and the convenience of the inhabitants of the Town" 19 V.S.A. Section 310 (b). The Select Board believes that a conservative reading of the Statutes requires that the Town maintain bridges and culverts on all Town roads except those designated as trails.

**PROCEDURE:** The Town Highway Department will maintain bridges and culverts on all Town roads except those designated as trails and those bridges and culverts that can be accessed by Town equipment. If Town equipment cannot access any bridge or culvert on a Class 4 road, on which others have the responsibility to maintain, then the Town cannot and will not assume any responsibility for the maintenance of bridges and culverts on those roads.

POLICY: The Milton Select Board, acting in regular session  
on January 10, 1997, voted in favor of the following motion:

"Voted that Class 4 roads will not be maintained by the Town except to the extent that all bridges and culverts will be maintained on all Town roads (except those designated as trails) insofar as the parties responsible for maintaining such roads keep the roads accessible for Town equipment to perform the required maintenance. This Policy will be attached to the Original Minutes, noted above, filed with the Town Clerk."

Filed with the Town Clerk this 21 day of January, 1997

Attest:

Loretta R. Demino  
Town Clerk