

Barton Village

WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. The Village currently has an agreement with the Agency of Transportation to keep their plows down when passing over Class 1 Highways (Route 5 which includes Main St. and Lake St. and VT Route 16 which includes Church St. and Glover St.)
2. The Village currently has an agreement with the Town of Barton to keep their plows down when passing over Elm St. Roaring Brook Road, Duck Pond Road, Eastern Avenue and Pageant Park Road.
3. School bus routes have priority, then major traffic routes followed by roads which we feel cause the most problems for the public (traffic volume, steepness) then other roads in the most cost efficient manner. We may vary from these priorities for emergency situations. (Fires, Ambulance, etc.)
4. The Village of Barton has one full time employee and one additional employee on request to do this winter maintenance. It takes about three hours to complete plowing after the snow stops. YOU MAY SEE TOWN AND STATE TRUCKS MORE FREQUENTLY THAN VILLAGE TRUCKS AS THEY HAVE NUMEROUS TRUCKS PASSING THROUGH THE VILLAGE ROADS.
5. The Village Office and Fire Station lot should be plowed enough to let emergency vehicles in and out and the public in and out during office hours. (Parking lot needs to be empty of vehicles to plow completely.)
6. Winter Parking Ban will be in effect from November 1st -April 1st annually per the Village Ordinance. Please see the ordinance for details on where you can park at bartonvt.com.
7. Vehicles parked or abandoned in the right-of-way or on town-owned property may be moved at owner's expense. The Village of Barton will not be responsible for damage to personal property left in right-of-way.
8. No person shall plow or otherwise deposit snow onto the traveled way, shoulder or sidewalk of a class 2 or 3 town highway. (23 VSA § 1126A).
9. The Village does not plow Class 4 roads or private roads.
10. After 16 hours on the job we are required to stop operations and get a minimum of 8 (or 8 what does our CBA say? hours off.
11. Salt will be applied to Class 2 paved roads with sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when road temperature is below 20 degrees).
12. Sand will be applied to the gravel roads. (At temperatures below 0° sand, will not stay on the road).
13. On nights and weekends there will be a lower level of maintenance to help control costs. In most cases there will be no maintenance between 10pm and 4am.
14. Sidewalks are cleaned in the early morning, then again when state and town highway departments are done plowing. This takes about 2-1/2 hours.