### Street Opening & Driveway Permit Town of Bethel, Maine

## § 67-8. Street opening permit.

A Any person, firm, corporation or district desiring to make an excavation in any Bethel street or sidewalk shall first have the excavation contractor obtain a street opening permit from the Public Works Director. All such permits are issued in accordance with 23 M.R.S.A. § 3354.

Project location: Map	Lot	Street Address	
Owner Information			
Name:			
Street:			
City:	State:		Zip:
Daytime telephone			
Contractor name:			
Contractor daytime telephor	ne:		
Fee:		Date of PWD final	inspection:

# § 67-11. Responsibilities of party performing work.

The party performing the street opening work, by virtue of having acquired a permit, agrees to perform the work in accordance with the following:

- A. The street and/or sidewalk surface shall be clean cut in a straight line prior to excavation. The cut portion of the surface of the street and/or sidewalk shall be cut back an additional 12 inches on each side beyond the sides of the actual opening necessary to perform the work.
- B. On all streets where a permanent pavement has been built, a period of two months shall elapse after a trench has been backfilled before the permanent surface is replaced, and during this two-month period a temporary surface of premixed bituminous material shall be used. On all other streets, the trench shall be patched with premixed bituminous material as soon as the backfilling has been completed.
- C. Excavated material will be allowed for use as backfill as long as it contains no rocks or pavement chunks larger than six inches in diameter and can be compacted to meet the requirements of Chapter 125, Road Design and Construction, Article I. Pipes

carrying heated substances will be thoroughly insulated.

- D. The last 18 inches of backfill shall be a bank-run or screened gravel having a maximum partial diameter of four inches; fine sand is unacceptable.
- E. The backfill shall be placed in nine-inch lifts and compacted by power tampers of an approved type with a minimum energy of 250 feet/pound per square foot of tampers. (Backfilling a trench and compacting with a backhoe or truck is not acceptable except in special instances allowed by the Road Commissioner or his designated representative.)
- F. The contractor or individual obtaining the permit shall assume full responsibility for performing this work in accordance with the following regulations, subject to final approval by the Road Commissioner or his representative.

# § 67-12. Safety.

- A. Excavation safety. The person or contractor doing the actual excavation shall be required to meet all OSHA safety requirements, including those regarding depth of trench and shoring.
- B. Public safety. All open trenches shall be barricaded with adequate warning lanterns lighted by sunset

## § 67-9 Driveway permit.

A. Any person, firm, corporation or district desiring to construct a driveway on any\_local public street shall first obtain a driveway permit from the Public Works Director. All such permits are issued in accordance with 23 M.R.S.A. § 3354.

B. The Public Works Director shall approve the construction schedule for all driveway permits.

C. The owner is responsible for the first pipe or culvert and the first installation and the town is responsible for all future maintenance.

D. Drainage:

1. Existing roadside drainage in gutter or ditch lines shall not be altered or impeded by the applicant. The applicant must provide at his/her expense suitable and approved drainage structures at all entrances.

2. Surface drainage shall be provided so that all surface water on the areas adjacent to the road shall be carried away from the roadway.

3. Where a drainage culvert is required to maintain roadside drainage the Public Works Director must approve the pipe diameter/length and type of pipe material prior to installation. In most cases the pipe size shall be at least 15 inches in diameter and 20 feet in length. No concrete culverts allowed.

### E. Construction:

1. The Owner is responsible for all construction and restoration of disturbed areas for the entrance within the limits of the Right of Way.

2. The entire portion of any entrance within the limits of the Right of Way shall be constructed with gravel material acceptable to the Public Works Director

### I. Exemptions.

A permit is not required for the following:

1. Any existing driveway, entrance or approach unless its grade or location is changed.

2. A driveway on to a road subject to Maine Department of Transportation Highway Driveway and Entrance Rules.

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Public Works Director shall specify culvert size:		diameter:	length:
Final PWD Inspection:			
PWD Signature:			