



# **Town of Rutland, Vermont**

## **Mailbox Damage Policy**

### **Adopted 2/13/2024**

#### **PURPOSE.**

It is the Town's intent to use special care and consideration when plowing in the vicinity of mailboxes. However, heavy snow coming off the plow blade will often knock over and damage mailboxes / posts not adequately mounted, maintained (rotted, rusted, or decayed), or properly braced. The Town will not be responsible for mailboxes knocked over by snow coming off the plow. If the plow or wing contacts the mailbox or post causing damage the Town will repair or replace the box with a standard premade 4" x 4" nominal dimension mailbox post and a standard mailbox. In lieu of replacement residents may submit in writing a request to the Select Board for reimbursement of up to \$40.

#### **MAILBOX REPAIR REQUEST PROCEDURE.**

If you feel your mailbox or post was adequately mounted, in good repair, and was hit by the snowplow, the Road Commissioner must be contacted. Notification can be made during normal business hours of 7:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday at 802-773-8128, or by using the form on the Town's website. The Road Commissioner will inspect your box and determine if the Town should repair or replace your box or post. Evidence on the box or the post the plow made contact must be obvious. Decisions made by the Road Commissioner are final. Repair or replacement will be done as practical. A post replacement may have to wait until the ground thaws in the spring. If so, a temporary post will be provided so mail deliveries can continue for the rest of the winter.

#### **MAILBOX REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE.**

In the event the homeowner elects to replace their own mailbox or post a request for reimbursement to the Select Board must be made. All requests for reimbursement must be in writing and shall include the date, time, location, and photos of the damage. Reimbursement will not be made until the new box / post is installed and its location approved by the Road Commissioner. The owner of the box must submit receipts for the new box / post with the request for reimbursement.

#### **MAILBOX LOCATIONS.**

Mailbox leading edge shall be no closer to the traveled portion of the road than 24". Boxes closer than this will not be repaired, replaced, or reimbursed for damages.

## **ADOPTION.**

The foregoing Policy is hereby adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Rutland Vermont, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, and is effective as of this date until amended, modified, or repealed by a subsequent Board.

The Town of Rutland Select Board

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