



Town Council Public Hearing Brook Road Vehicle Restriction Monday, January 12, 2014, 7:00 pm Town Hall – Council Chambers

KAREN FARBER
CHAIR

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm to hear public comment on a proposed amendment to Section 17-9 of the Code of Ordinances. The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the restricted area and define the term "truck". The proposed language is attached.

DAVID GOLDBERG
VICE CHAIR

Section 17-9 currently states: *No truck or bus other than an emergency vehicle or a local passenger bus picking up and discharging passengers along designated routes at specified stops shall travel over the following streets or parts of streets except when necessary to render service to or to deliver supplies to persons residing adjacent thereto where other means of access to such residences are not reasonably convenient: Brook Road between Blackstrap Road and Mountain Road.*

RUSS ANDERSON

CALEB HEMPHILL

The State of Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) maintains jurisdiction on Brook Road, between Blackstrap Road and Leighton Road. It is MDOT policy not to limit or prohibit commercial truck traffic on major collector roads, which is the designation for this part of Brook Road.

CLAUDIA KING

The attached proposed ordinance amendment includes three specific changes:

1. The amendment will eliminate restrictions from the MDOT controlled portion of Brook Road between Blackstrap and Leighton Roads.
2. Public works and public utility vehicles are exempt from the restriction.
3. The term "truck" is defined for the remaining restricted area between Leighton Road and Mountain Road.

SEAN MAHONEY

CHARLIE MCBRADY

The definition utilizes the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Vehicle Classification guide to refine the definition of "truck". A graphical depiction of the FHWA Vehicle Classification guide is attached along with some pictures of single and dual rear axle trucks.

NATHAN A. POORE
TOWN MANAGER

The proposed amendment will limit all commercial trucks in Class 6 or higher. This would prohibit trucks with two or more rear axles to travel on the applicable area of Brook Road. It should be noted that some Class 5 trucks can look similar to Class 6 trucks. Town Council opted to not include restrictions of Class 5 trucks because this class includes vehicles that are smaller in size such as recreational vehicles and heavy duty pick-up trucks.

ELLEN PLANER
TOWN CLERK

MELISSA TRYON
RECORDER