

## **Culvert Policy for the Town of Cobleskill**

Adopted: June 13, 2011

All driveway culverts accessing Town of Cobleskill roads will be the responsibility of the Town of Cobleskill. The purchasing of culvert pipes are the sole responsibility of the lot owner. The care, maintenance and placement of said culverts will be the responsibility of the Town of Cobleskill.

Prior to the installation of a culvert pipe on any Town road, it will be the responsibility of the lot owner/applicant to contact the Highway Superintendent for a highway access permit. Upon submission of said permit the Superintendent will contact said lot owner/applicant specifying what size culvert pipe to purchase.

The lot owner/applicant has the option to install the specified culvert after advisement by the Superintendent on the installation specifications. After installation the Superintendent will inspect the installation. If acceptable the Superintendent would issue a written release and if unacceptable, written direction for correcting deficiencies would be issued and upon a second inspection, if not corrected; NO release will be issued and the Town of Cobleskill Highway Dept. will install said culvert and bill the lot owner/applicant for materials used during installation, materials covering culvert and building head walls at each end of culvert pipe.

OR

If Town of Cobleskill Highway Department installs said culvert, purchased by the lot owner, a deposit may be required for materials, such as covering culvert and building head walls at each end of culvert pipe, used during installation.

Culvert pipe shall be properly installed where needed, and of acceptable material (i.e. Corrugated steel culvert pipe or smooth bore high density polyethylene corrugated or equivalent) suitability as determined by the Town Highway Superintendent. Minimum culvert size acceptable is fifteen (15) inches in diameter or determined at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent. Where culverts are required for driveway crossings, the length shall be twenty (20) feet but no more that thirty (30) and if in need of more than one section, culvert sections shall be joined by steel bands or bands suitable for high density polyethylene, Culvert ends will have flared end sections, or other end treatments such as stone head walls. Culverts shall be lower than the shoulder of the road with at least one (1) foot of coverage. Driveway approach shall be a minimum of four (4) inches below the edge of the pavement to prevent water from flowing onto the pavement.

No alteration from approved construction will be accepted. Any future work within the right-of-way (ie. paving) will require an additional work permit from the Highway Superintendent.