

Right-of-Way Review Policy

The State has ordained the towns with the power to establish public rights-of-way in the form of roads in the interest of the greater public good. It also provides the mechanism for the removal of existing rights-of-way if they are no longer deemed to be in that interest. While the town government is responsible to provide an adequate transportation infrastructure it is bound to maintain these public thoroughfare services in the most equitable and efficient manner possible. As transportation technology, road building techniques, and population growth or migration change, so do the road infrastructure requirements in the community.

The Town of Wallingford attempts to provide adequate access for its citizenry to their homes and properties. In the event that an existing road no longer appears to provide necessary access to the general public but has come to be, in essence, of limited public value, the Town shall review the public interest of said road. If it deems it necessary, the Town will institute proceedings to discontinue the road in question as a public right-of-way. The Town should review the status of its roads once every five years.

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