



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Road Commissioners

Eli Potty, Chair

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Chris Leduc

October 20, 2022

Dear Planning Board,

Please find listed below the recommendations for the construction of roads, sidewalks, and berms by vote of the Road Commission for your consideration as well as our thoughts regarding the proposed storm water management solution for the Hopedale Ridge application. Our recommendations are based on the highway department's road construction specification within the Planning Boards Subdivision regulations and are designed to standardize the town's roads and public ways. Additionally, the Highway Commissioners strongly feel that the construction of this development and the newly enhanced access to the Parklands will not only create additional motor vehicle traffic, but pedestrian traffic as well. Although this access has been in place for many years, we believe now with the new development and parking it will be much more known and used to a greater extent such as we see at the entrances on Freedom, Dutcher, and Hopedale Street.

**Road Width (Partial Waiver)** –The 26' width is requested to accommodate any potential future improvement projects for the existing finished section of Overdale Parkway as well as to accommodate increased traffic in the area with the additional parklands access point. We also feel the 26' width would allow easier access for emergency vehicles to the area should the need arise as well as create sufficient width for plow trucks in combination with day-to-day residential use and street parking. For comparison purposes the following streets in the Harmony Estates subdivision are 26' in width...Haven Way, Harmony Trail, Heron Lane, and Larkin Lane.

**Sidewalks** – A single width sidewalk on one side of the development roadway. This request is to accommodate the safety of any foot traffic for pedestrians walking to the new parklands access point as well as residents of the development.

**Berms** – Vertical or sloped granite berms for the development. This request is based on the fact of the durability of granite installed in other areas of town as well as the review of the Harmony Estates development where granite has proven excellent longevity holding up to plowing and normal wear since the development completion in 2005. Granite will also discourage parking off the road as is seen in other areas near the parklands.

**Storm Drains** – Storm drain system utilizing catch basins, manholes, and pipe to control the flow of storm water to the proposed retention pond system for the development. The Highway Department is already well equipped and experienced in maintaining this type of storm drain system.

**Grass plots (Waivered)** – Grass plots are not needed between the requested granite curb and the sidewalk.

**Monuments (Waivered)** – Concrete monuments in place of granite.

We strongly suggest that the proposed development meet all construction standards in accordance with the Hopedale Subdivision Rules and Regulations unless listed as “waivered” above.

Sincerely,

Chris Leduc

Town of Hopedale Road Commissioner