

## POLICY FOR HANDLING ROADSIDE SOLID WASTE PICK-UP AND DISPOSAL

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In the routine traveling and inspection of Town roadways, there can be solid waste of various types that can be found to have been dumped along roadsides. This can range from bags of household trash to appliances, and is not intended to be confused with smaller road-side litter.

In order to maintain as healthy and positive environment as possible, it shall be the policy of the Town of Auburn to pick-up and dispose of roadside solid waste in a timely and safe manner after efforts are made to determine who the responsible party or parties are for the material.

### **Initial Finding or Report:**

Solid waste may be found by Town officials, town employees or reported by a member of the public. When discarded solid waste is found, it shall be reported to the Auburn Police Department, who shall make a report of the incident and an effort to determine who the party responsible for the discarded material is.

No one shall pick-up or remove the material from the roadside until the Auburn Police Department has been to the scene to capture the appropriate information. The only exception to this shall be if the material were actually in the roadway and was impeding the safe flow of traffic or causing a different safety hazard. Under those circumstances, the material could be moved to the side of the road and out of the flow of traffic.

Upon investigation, if the Auburn Police Department is able to make any determination as to who the responsible party or parties are for the material, they shall make contact with those individuals to handle and remove the solid waste in a timely fashion.

### **Town Removal of Material:**

Should the Auburn Police Department be unable to make any determination as to who the responsible party or parties are for the material, they shall contact the Auburn Road Agent, who will arrange for the pick-up and disposal of the material.

The Town of Auburn shall fully authorize the Auburn Road Agent or any other individual or contractor selected by the Auburn Road Agent, to remove the solid waste material from the road side and to properly dispose of the material.

To help facilitate such activity, the Town of Auburn shall maintain an area within the Highway Department garage at 273 Chester Turnpike for the temporary storage of electronic equipment (i.e. – televisions, radios, tape players, computers, stereos, etc.). This equipment, unless the collection becomes unmanageable due to volume, shall be disposed of during the annual E-Waste Collection Day hosted by the Town of Auburn usually in October.

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Further, the Town of Auburn shall maintain a dumpster(s) or other collection unit(s) at the Town of Auburn for the storage of metal, tires or waste items that can ultimately be salvaged or disposed of properly. When the collection is of an appropriate amount for transport, the Town of Auburn Road Agent shall arrange for the material to be hauled to metal salvage facility for the benefit of the Town. Funds that are generated from this activity shall be made payable to the Town of Auburn. Bills of lading and money received shall be turned over to the Selectmen's Office for accounting and inclusion in the Town's general fund.

All other solid waste materials and trash shall be transported as appropriate to the Waste Management Solid Waste Transfer Station at 24 Grey Point Avenue, Auburn, for disposal, or other appropriate solid waste disposal facility. Should there be any expense for the disposal of this material; the Town of Auburn shall bear the cost of such disposal.

### **Prohibited Materials:**

At no time during this process shall the Town of Auburn take possession of or handle any material that could be considered to be hazardous waste or material, with the exception of electronic equipment described in "*Town Removal of Material*" above. For this section, prohibited materials would be inclusive of any liquids or solid waste materials that are not permitted to be disposed of at the Waste Management Solid Waste Transfer Station excluding electronic equipment.

Under such circumstances when prohibited materials exclusive of electronic equipment are found, the Town shall engage a firm that is properly licensed by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to ensure the appropriate handling, recording and ultimate disposal of this material.

### **Responsible Party and Indemnification:**

Based on this policy of the Town of Auburn, the Town of Auburn Road Agent is designated as the responsible Town official to oversee the handling of roadside solid waste pick-up and disposal as he or she deem to be appropriate in conformance with this policy. The Town of Auburn Road Agent shall be held harmless in the performance of this duty.

The Town shall provide the Town of Auburn Road Agent or other individuals or vendors he assigns this responsibility to with full indemnification from legal action as outlined in RSA 31:104; 31:104-1; 31:105:31-105-1; 31:106, 31-106-1, and 491:24 while in service to the Town of Auburn and acting within the scope of the position to which they are legally appointed to serve.

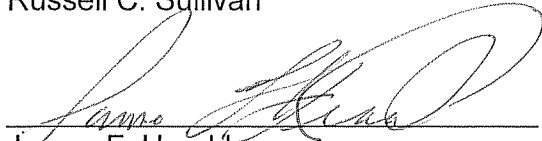
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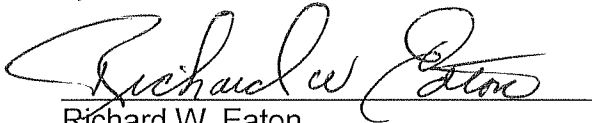
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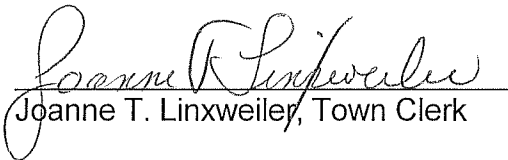
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