



# Board of Selectmen

Bolton, Massachusetts 01740

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN GUARDRAIL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION POLICY

**Background and Purpose.** This policy has been adopted by the Board of Selectmen to provide proper notice to the public of new guardrail installation and to allow public input about such installation.

**Statement of Policy.** The following four step process will be followed in the planning and construction of new guardrails along roads in Bolton.

1. Creation of Annual Plans

In January of each year, the DPW Superintendent will provide to the Selectmen annual plans of locations proposed for new guardrails the following season. These plans will include justification and description of each guardrail type and location, as well as comments on any unusual installation issues (trees to be cut, etc.). Repair and replacement of existing guardrails do not need to be included in the list, unless a change of materials is proposed.

2. Public Comment on Annual Plans

The Selectmen will provide public notice in the local newspaper of guardrail plans as provided by the DPW Superintendent. The notice will indicate the location and style of guardrail to be installed. A 30-day public comment period will be included in the announcement. Public comment will be submitted to the Selectmen's office in writing during this 30-day period.

3. Consideration of Public Comment

The Selectmen will consider any public comment received during this 30-day period and, in consultation with the DPW Superintendent, decide whether any alterations to the plan should be made.

4. Notification of Pending Installation

Thirty days prior to installation, the DPW Superintendent will give written notice to residents of the affected road or roads, indicating location, date (or approximate date) of planned installation, and the style of guardrail. Any public comment about such installation should have been received during the public comment period.

In establishing this policy, the Selectmen believe the public is provided with adequate notice about guardrail installation on Bolton roads and given opportunity to comment on such installation.

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