



TOWN OF MONTEREY
Department of Highways, Buildings and Properties
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BEARTOWN MOUNTAIN ROAD

- Double yellow centerlines painted for safety, light reflective for night visibility
- Delineates center line of road
- Important for bad weather, fog, snow, ice
- Extremely important for snowplowing, driver needs to know where center of road is.
- Important to know when icy conditions require backing, need point of reference
- 56 houses on Beartown plus traffic for Beartown State Forest
- Road belongs to whole town, used by people that don't live on Beartown Mtn Road
- All abutters were notified of impending construction ahead of time, and were encouraged to ask any questions about what was going to happen, only one asked, Howard Levy,. He was told there would be lines on road. He did pass along to other residents on road. C Goldfinger did stop last fall and ask about the lines to L Thomson and R Crittenden Foreman. She was told there would be lines. She stated she didn't care, it was other people on the road that objected.
- Federal MUTCD standard, tort liability
- Fact, a good quality road, with lines, increases value of homes/land doesn't lessen value
- Fact, a new road with new surface increases speed of vehicles
- Cost is .035 per foot, or for a double line for a mile is \$370.00
- Heavy rains the last month did wash out a ditch, will pave it next month, when full crew is on
- Aprons were installed where needed to keep transition passable, or for water drainage, new aprons were not added to drives that did not have one, only short transitions added.
- Have had numerous Beartown Mtn Road residents give their approval for the lines
- Would have appreciated it if Selectboard had found out the facts before "taking sides" Town Employees are not always wrong

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Excerpts from MUTCH, 2009 EDITION

Standard:

07 The U.S. Secretary of Transportation, under authority granted by the Highway Safety Act of 1966, decreed that traffic control devices on all streets and highways open to public travel in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 109(d) and 402(a) in each State shall be in substantial conformance with the Standards issued or endorsed by the FHWA.

Section 1A.07 Responsibility for Traffic Control Devices

Standard:

01 The responsibility for the design, placement, operation, maintenance, and uniformity of traffic control devices shall rest with the public agency or the official having jurisdiction, or, in the case of private roads open to public travel, with the private owner or private official having jurisdiction. 23 CFR 655.603 adopts the MUTCD as the national standard for all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, bikeway, or private road open to public travel (see definition in Section 1A.13). When a State or other Federal agency manual or supplement is required, that manual or supplement shall be in substantial conformance with the National MUTCD.

02 23 CFR 655.603 also states that traffic control devices on all streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel in each State shall be in substantial conformance with standards issued or endorsed by the Federal Highway Administrator.

Section 3B.01 Yellow Center Line Pavement Markings and Warrants

Standard:

04 The center line markings on two-lane, two-way roadways shall be one of the following as shown in Figure 3B-1:

A. Two-direction passing zone markings consisting of a normal broken yellow line where crossing the center line markings for passing with care is permitted for traffic traveling in either direction;

B. One-direction no-passing zone markings consisting of a double yellow line, one of which is a normal broken yellow line and the other is a normal solid yellow line, where crossing the center line markings for passing with care is permitted for the traffic traveling adjacent to the broken line, but is prohibited for traffic traveling adjacent to the solid line; or

C. Two-direction no-passing zone markings consisting of two normal solid yellow lines where crossing

the center line markings for passing is prohibited for traffic traveling in either direction.

05A single solid yellow line shall not be used as a center line marking on a two-way roadway