

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
Town of Brookline, Vermont

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1007 and 1008, and Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated Sections 1971 and 2291 (1)(4) and (5), and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Selectboard of the Town of Brookline that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Brookline, Vermont.

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

The definitions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE II
SCOPE

The ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Brookline, Vermont.

ARTICLE III
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- Section 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device except in response to the direction of a law enforcement officer.
- Section 2.** It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter, or tamper with any traffic control device.
- Section 3.** It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device which may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of Brookline Selectboard.

ARTICLE IV
SPEED REGULATIONS

On the basis of the June 7, 1989, Town of Brookline, Vermont, Notice of Speed Limit Ordinance and the update changes of the School Zone, and the amended Town of Brookline Traffic Ordinance of November 4, 2010, the following speed limits are hereby established:

All Town Highways:	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h., unless otherwise posted.
State Aid Highway #1:	A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. on all paved sections of Grassy Brook Road, except the School Zone, which has a maximum speed of 30 m.p.h.
T.H. #10:	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. on all gravel sections of Grassy Brook Road.
T.H. #2:	A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. from the intersection of Grassy Brook Road north on Hill Road to Riverside Cemetery, then a maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from Riverside Cemetery north to intersection with Grassy Brook Road.
T.H. #8:	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. on the paved portion of Putney Mountain Road.

On the basis of engineering and traffic studies, the following speed limits are hereby established:

T.H. #9:	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. on Ellen Ware Road.
T.H. #8:	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. on the unpaved portion of Putney Mountain Road.

The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with the standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and shall be in effect when so posted.

ARTICLE V

STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

Section 1. [Key: T.H. = Town Highway; S.A.H. = State Aid Highway] The following intersections shall be designated as "STOP" intersections and shall be so signed:

- T.H. #2 (Hill Road) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road) southbound
- T.H. #2 (Hill Road) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road) northbound
- T.H. #9 (Ellen Ware Road) entering T.H. #2 (Hill Road)
- T.H. #6 (Kirsch Road) entering T.H. #2 (Hill Road) southwestbound
- T.H. #6 (Kirsch Road) entering T.H. #2 (Hill Road) eastbound
- T.H. #2 (Hill Road) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road)
- T.H. #4 (Parker Road) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road)
- T.H. #3 (Whitney Hill Road) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road)
- T.H. #7 (Papoose Lane) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road)
- T.H. #14 (Merrill Drive) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road)
- T.H. #8 (Putney Mountain Road) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road)
- T.H. #12 (Harris Hill Road) entering S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road)

Section 2. [Key: T.H. = Town Highway; S.A.H. = State Aid Highway] The following intersections shall be designated as "YIELD" intersections and shall be so signed:

- S.A.H. #1 (Grassy Brook Road) entering T.H. #2 (Hill Road)

ARTICLE VI

PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the north side of State Aid Highway #1 (Grassy Brook Road) at the signed locations between 7 and 21 Grassy Brook Road, across the street from the walking path to the West River.

Section 2. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner, or selectboard member.

Section 3. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under Section 5 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of such removal, the title to such vehicle shall escheat to the Town and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 11.

Section 4. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator.

ARTICLE VII LOADED VEHICLES

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded so as to prevent its contents from dropping, sitting, leaking, or otherwise escaping there from.

ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Separate Offenses:

Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2. Penalties:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

Section 3. Severability:

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provisions hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.

Section 4. Designation:

This ordinance may be referred to as the Town of Brookline Traffic Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk, shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of this ordinance shall be a sufficient reference hereto.

Section 5. Repeal of Prior Ordinances:

Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Brookline is hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication and Posting:


A summary of this ordinance shall be published in the Brattleboro Reformer on May 19, 2018, and shall be filed with the Town of Brookline Town Clerk on May 16, 2018.

Adopted by the Selectboard, Town of Brookline at its meeting held on the 16th day of May, 2018.


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