

## WINTER ROAD WEIGHT LIMITS

WHEREAS, under the authority of the State of New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated; Chapter 41, Section 11; and Chapter 47, Section 17, Subsections VII and VIII; authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enact ordinances governing the use of public ways,

AND WHEREAS, under the authority of the State of New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated, Chapter 231, Sections 190 and 191, "Maximum Weight Limits on Class IV, V and VI Roads".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town of Rye, by its Selectmen in meeting assembled on this date, and upon recommendation of the Public Works Director pursuant to his determination that such postings are required to prevent unreasonable damage or extraordinary municipal maintenance expenses as a result of intensification of logging, excavation, construction and/or similar activities, hereby establish that the Public Works Director shall have authority to establish temporary weight limits (including vehicle and load) and grant exemptions for limited times and purposes, for all Class IV, V and VI highways located within the limits of the Town of Rye, New Hampshire conditioned on the following:

- I. Notice of these temporary reduced weight limits shall be posted at the entrance of all posted highways via clearly legible and visible signs of weather resistant material.
- II. The Public Works Director shall grant exemptions in writing for limited times and purposes to the above weight limits upon specific application therefore and conditioned upon appropriate arrangements for restoration of any damage and bonding, which shall be cash or surety company bond, provided however that no exemption shall be granted which would be detrimental to public safety.
- III. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right at any time to revoke permission to use any highway in the event of unreasonable damage, safety hazard or similar exigency and to seek further damages if the bond proves insufficiency for restoration.
- IV. The names of all officials empowered to grant exemptions shall be posted in the town hall.
- V. Violators of properly enacted weight limits shall be guilty of a violation and shall be liable for restoration of the road.
- VI. Essential utility vehicles such as oil, propane, electric, telephone, etc. shall be exempt from these provisions.

This ordinance is hereby adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 having been adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen and shall be effective immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare demands so.

TOWN OF RYE, NH  
by its  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN