

**TOWN OF BRISTOL  
PETITION FOR USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY  
FOR BURIED AND AERIAL UTILITY LINES**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Road name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property location: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Type of utility line to be installed: \_\_\_\_\_

Aerial \_\_\_\_\_ Buried \_\_\_\_\_

Permission for construction of buried or aerial utility lines is hereby granted, subject to the requirements of Vermont Statutes, the Town of Bristol’s policy regarding petitions for use of the public right of way for buried or aerial utility lines, and the following conditions:

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I have attached a copy of the “Town of Bristol General Conditions of Approval Regarding Petitions For Use Of The Public Right Of Way for Buried and Aerial Utility Lines”, which must be adhered to or it will void this approval. Approval of this petition also grants the applicant to work in the Town’s right of way.

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Road Foreman (or his/her designee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**TOWN OF BRISTOL**  
**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**  
**REGARDING**  
**PETITIONS FOR USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**  
**FOR BURIED AND AERIAL UTILITY LINES**

The following conditions shall apply to all underground and aerial utility lines approved by the Road Foreman for location within Town highway rights-of-way:

- 1) The underground utility line or aerial crossing must be located in accordance with the written description and site plan submitted as part of the utility petition. For buried utility lines, a copy of the as-built drawings will be provided to the Town upon completion of the project.
- 2) The petitioner will provide the Road Foreman with 48 hours notice prior to construction and must obtain permission upon same notice in the event of future excavation required for maintenance or repair.
- 3) The petitioner will provide all traffic control and maintenance of traffic during construction in keeping with manual uniform traffic control device practices for highway safety.
- 4) If buried, the line(s) must be installed within conduit and shall be buried a minimum of 4 feet below the ditch line. Marking tape will be installed in the excavation 2 feet above the conduit. In cases where the line has been bored under the road instead of excavated, the marking tape shall be placed above the conduit at both sides of the road, where the excavation for boring has been made. If aerial, all line(s) must be no lower than 30' above the ground; this includes electric, phone, cable, etc. All poles must be installed on the back side of ditches within the Town's right of way. Petitioner must meet with the Road Foreman to determine placement.
- 5) The Town reserves the right to require that the line be installed by boring under the road instead of excavation where road fabric has been installed below the road surface, the road surface is paved, or for other reasons as determined by the Town.
- 6) Any road excavation will be backfilled with materials approved by the Road Foreman and compacted in 12 inch lifts using a jumping jack compactor or comparable. The petitioner shall be responsible for repair of any settlement of the road surface or ditch alignment for a period of one year following excavation.
- 7) The Town reserves the right to require the line(s) to be moved at the utility line owners' expense, as necessary for any future Town use of the right-of-way, including but not limited to, road reconstruction, public utility services, etc.
- 8) Installation of utility lines approved under this policy must be completed within one year of approval or the approval will be void.
- 9) The application must be submitted by a duly authorized employee of the company which will own the utility line, and not a subcontractor hired only to install the line.

Approved by the Selectboard on November 5, 2007. Amended on April 18, 2016.