

**Town of Belmont Curbing Installation and Sidewalk Construction Policy  
Board of Selectmen (adopted March 12 , 2018)**

When a public way is being reconstructed by the Town of Belmont, the Town shall also reconstruct or repair the sidewalks, as required, based on the Town of Belmont Sidewalk and Wheelchair Ramp Asset Management Plan. New or reconstructed sidewalks will be concrete.

Curbing shall be installed per the guidelines established below.

**School Walking Routes**

School Walking Routes are determined with input from School Department personnel, Parent Teacher organizations, and other related groups. Asphalt curbing will be installed on School Walking Routes where there is an asphalt shoulder for the purpose of re-establishing grass shoulders and tree lawns.

Granite curbing will be installed on School Walking Routes along Arterial or Major Collector roads to provide a durable material on heavily travelled roadways.

**General Walking Routes**

General Walking Routes are recognized to be roads classified as Arterial or Major Collector roads that provide a network for pedestrian mobility Town wide.

Granite curbing will be installed on General Walking Routes along Arterial or Major Collector roads to provide a durable material on heavily travelled roadways.

**Use Demand Locations**

Use Demand Locations are recognized to be public ways adjacent to one or more of the following:

- a. Public school;
- b. Public library;
- c. Public park;
- d. Public recreational facility;
- e. Public playing field;
- f. Public playground;
- g. Commercial districts;
- h. Places of worship; or
- i. Other public buildings owned or operated by the Town of Belmont.

Curbing type, asphalt or granite, shall be determined based on the classification of the roadway.

**Local Roads**

Asphalt curbing will be installed on Local Roads where there is an asphalt shoulder for the purpose of re-establishing grass shoulders and tree lawns.

No curbing will be installed on Local Roads if there is an established shoulder.

### **General Considerations**

The Office of Community Development has the discretion to install curbing in places where the shoulder is asphalt on a road that otherwise has grass shoulders, in locations where the slope of roadway exceeds 4% to help mitigate shoulder erosion and for traffic calming purposes.

All roads with existing curbing will retain such existing curbing.

A list of roads that meet the requirements of this policy shall be maintained by the Office of Community Development and updated as required. Retroactive installation of curbing will be done as the annual budget allows.

The Office of Community Development will implement this policy using Chapter 90 funds and Pavement Management Program funds. Other available funding sources, such as the Complete Streets Program, will also be considered.