

## Town of Sebec, Maine

### Seasonal Road Postings

**The frozen road exemption does not apply in the Town of Sebec, Maine. All heavy vehicles are required to obtain a permit to operate on a posted road in Sebec regardless of temperature.**

29MRSA Section 902 gives the Town the authority to adopt rules to protect the roads at any time of year. Seasonal postings usually run from February 15 to May 15 every year unless unseasonable weather occurs before or after these dates.

Posted roads may be traveled on by vehicles over 23,000 registered GVW only by obtaining a permit signed by a Town of Sebec Selectman or his/her designee.

The municipal officers or their designee, may issue a permit only upon all of the following findings:

- a) no other route is reasonably available to the applicant.
- b) it is a matter of economic necessity and not mere convenience that the applicant use the way or bridge; and
- c) the applicant has tendered cash, a bond or other suitable security running to the municipality in an amount sufficient, in their judgment, to repair any damage to the way or bridge which may reasonably result from the applicant's use of same.

The applicant will be held liable for the cost to repair a posted road or bridge resulting from his or her use of the road or bridge, including forfeiture of the bond or other security provided to the town for this purpose.

A permit request form may be obtained from the Sebec Town Office, Tel. 564-8367.

Office hours:

Mon. & Thurs. 4:30 PM-7:30 PM

Tues., Fri. & Sat. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Please allow 72 hours for a decision of a permit request.**

#### **Exemptions:**

The following vehicles are exempt under State law:

Any vehicle delivering home heating fuel and operating in accordance with a permit issued by the MDOT under 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2395 (4) and, when necessary during a period of drought emergency declared by the governor, any vehicle transporting well-drilling equipment for the purpose of drilling a replacement well or for improving an existing well on property where that well is no longer supplying sufficient water for residential or agricultural purpose and operating

in accordance with a permit issued by the MDOT under 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2395 (4-A).

The following vehicles are also exempt under the specific provisions of this ordinance:

1. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight of 23,000 pounds or less.
2. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and traveling without a load other than tools or equipment necessary for the proper operation of the vehicle. This exemption does not apply to special mobile equipment. It shall be a defense to a violation of this sub-section if the combined weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and its load is in fact less than 23,000 pounds.
3. Maine DOT vehicles or other vehicles authorized by Maine DOT or a municipality or county to maintain the roads under their authority.
4. Authorized emergency vehicles as defined in 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2054, school buses, a wrecker towing a disabled vehicle of legal weight from a posted highway, and vehicles with three axles or less under the direction of a public utility and engaged in utility infrastructure maintenance or repair.
5. Any two axle vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and less than or equal to 34,000 pounds that are carrying any of the Special Commodities may operate without a permit. Special Commodities includes any of the following:
  - a. Home delivered heating fuel (oil, gas, coal, stove size wood that is less than 36” in length, propane and wood pellets);
  - b. Petroleum products;
  - c. Groceries;
  - d. Bulk milk;
  - e. Solid waste;
  - f. Animal bedding;
  - g. Returnable beverage containers;
  - h. Sewage from private septic tanks or porta-potties; or
  - i. Medical gases.

**Roads to be posted are:**

Downs Road, Hughes Road, Ladd Road, Moulton Hill Road, North Road, Old Brownville Road, River Road, Sands Road and Tower Road.

**Town of Sebec Selectmen:**

Walter Emmons

Donald Rush

Wayne Nason

**TOWN OF SEBEC**

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE ON A POSTED WAY**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_ Plate #'s: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Truck Color \_\_\_\_\_

**Incomplete applications will be delayed until all information is finalized by the applicant.**

GVWR \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. Cargo type: \_\_\_\_\_ Cargo weight Per Load \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Sebec Posted Roads to be driven \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Total Number of Trips/Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Max. # of Trips/Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Date/Time period Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Town of Sebec's Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways and agree to abide by all conditions within these guidelines. Posted Ways Ordinance can be found at [townofsebec.com](http://townofsebec.com)**

Signature of Permittee/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Permittee responsibility for road damage:**

The applicant will be held liable for the cost to repair a posted road or bridge resulting from his or her use of the road or bridge, including forfeiture of the bond or other security provided to the town for this purpose. The applicant also has the responsibility to immediately inform the Municipal Officers of any posted road or bridge damage resulting from his or her use of the road or bridge.

The Municipal Officers or their designee, may issue a permit only upon all of the following findings:

- d) no other route is reasonably available to the applicant.
- e) it is a matter of economic necessity and not mere convenience that the applicant use the way or bridge; and
- f) the applicant has tendered cash, a bond or other suitable security running to the municipality in an amount sufficient, in their judgment, to repair any damage to the way or bridge which may reasonably result from the applicant's use of same.

**PERMIT MUST BE IN VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES**

**The town of Sebec reserves the right to modify or rescind permits due to weather and road condition changes.**