SPEED LIMITS ON UNPAVED TOWN ROADS

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted by the Town of Townshend under authority granted by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 2291 (4) and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public health and safety by establishing safe speed limits on all unpaved town highways in the Town of Townshend.

ARTICLE 3. SPEED REGULATIONS. Based on consideration of neighborhood character, abutting land use, bicycle and pedestrian use and physical characteristics of the highways, the following speed limits are hereby established:

*   The speed limits on ALL UNPAVED ROADS in the Town of Townshend shall be a maximum speed of 35 mph.

The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with standards set forth *in Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

ARTICLE 4. PENALTIES.

A. This shall be a civil ordinance which shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59 or through any Vermont court having proper jurisdiction.

B. The penalty for violation of any of the above speed limits shall be that set buy the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE 5. ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. This ordinance may be enforced by any officer from the Windham County Sheriff's Department, Vermont State Police or any certified Townshend constable who are properly qualified law enforcement officers in the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE 6. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Townshend Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. Section 1973, that statute shall govern the effective date.

Henry K. Martin, chair (signed)

Berenice H. Brooks (signed)

Jeffrey Russ (signed)

Scott Chase (signed)

Signatures of Selectboard members

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Cynthia Davis (signed)