

The 411 on Wilton Roads-Update-June 2019

Residents often inquire about responsibility for the land adjacent to town roads. There is a common misunderstanding that the Town owns the first ten to fifteen feet of property on either side of town-owned roads. Actually the size of the town-owned land between the road and private property varies by property. In some cases there isn't any town-owned land adjacent to a town-owned road.

Historically, the Town has relied on property owners to maintain up to the road. The same is true for state-owned roads. If an owner does not maintain the town or state-owned land adjacent to the road, either the Town or the State trims the area when the growth becomes a traffic safety issue. Of course the owners of the eighty plus private roads in town are responsible for their own maintenance. If overgrowth on private property is creating a safety issue, the Town works with the owner to have them address the situation or allow the Town to address, should they refuse to do so themselves.

If you are uncertain about your general property borders, you can view them on the Town's online GIS maps found at <http://wilton.mapxpress.net>. Or you can visit the Town Clerk's office and review the maps in person.

Since the late spring, DPW crews have been busy prepping roads for paving, filling potholes and clearing roadside brush and overgrowth.

Please report issues with town-owned roads, such as a pothole or overgrowth, through the Town's SeeClickFix reporting system. This provides the most efficient and transparent means to address the issue. The work order is routed directly to the appropriate town employee and residents can follow the work progress. Calling or emailing the DPW department creates an extra step and thus slows down the work process. Instructions on how to access SeeClickFix are on the town website's homepage. (<https://www.wiltonct.org/home/pages/seeclickfix>)

Please contact the State for issues with state-owned roads as follows: For Rt 7 , Wolfpit Road, New Canaan Road and Ridgefield Road, call 203-972-0388, For Sharp Hill Rd, Hurlbutt south of Sharp Hill Rd, Chestnut Hill Rd Cedar Rd and Westport Rd, call 203-227-7692. The State does not allow the Town to perform work on state-owned roads.

Road paving for the remaining FY2019 road program began this May. The status of those roads can be found on the link on the Department of Public Work's page of the town website. (<https://www.wiltonct.org/departments-public-works>)

The FY2020 paving plan is being developed based on the results of road scanning and will also be available on the same link.