

Obstructions in the Right of Way

Stone walls, fencing, rocks, granite-post mailboxes not allowed in Town Right of Way.

Town Bylaw prohibits the placement of obstructions or structures within the Town's public way without the prior approval of Concord Public Works (*). There are 2 primary purposes for this restriction. First, to ensure safe travel along town streets, shoulders and sidewalks. Second, to ensure unimpeded access for the installation, maintenance, rehabilitation, replacement, and protection of the public infrastructure located within the right of way. This infrastructure includes the town roadway, curbing, drainage system, street trees, sidewalks, and overhead and underground utilities.

The type and location of mailboxes deserve attention. Stone posts can cause serious damage for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists if they are inadvertently struck. Mailboxes can also be damaged if hit by a vehicle or snow and ice plowed from streets and sidewalks. It is the Town's policy to replace mailboxes with standard aluminum boxes with wood posts.

Residents are urged to contact Concord Public Works (CPW) Engineering Division before digging in the public way.

* Note: "No public way shall be dug up nor opening made therein for any purpose, nor shall any material be dumped or placed thereon or removed therefrom, nor obstruction or structure placed thereon, or removed therefrom, nor any alternation made, nor shall any tree be planted thereon or removed without first obtaining a written permit from the Commissioners of Public Works, and then only in accordance with its regulations."