

## Chapter 88

### DRAINAGE AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

[HISTORY: Adopted 5-13-2008 Annual Town Meeting, Art. 27. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Subdivision rules and regulations — See Ch. 192.

#### § 88-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, maintain and enhance the public health, safety, environment and general welfare by establishing minimum requirements to control the adverse effects of stormwater runoff and erosion. Through proper management of stormwater, sediment and erosion controls this bylaw safeguards the public health, safety, environment and general welfare of the public. This bylaw serves to protect water and groundwater resources, promote groundwater recharge and prevent flooding.

#### § 88-2. Applicability.

The requirements of this bylaw shall apply to existing development, new development, and redevelopment projects to minimize adverse impacts of erosion and stormwater runoff off site and downstream which would be borne by abutters, townspeople and the general public. The Board of Selectmen may delegate from time to time certain duties described in this bylaw to designees who will act on its behalf for the purposes of enforcement.

#### § 88-3. Drainage requirements.

- a. **Runoff.** All runoff from impervious surfaces of a lot shall be recharged on that lot. Runoff shall be diverted towards areas covered with vegetation for surface infiltration.
- b. **Stormwater.** All stormwater drainage shall be contained on the development site and away from wetland resources. All stormwater shall be treated on site unless there is a public benefit to connecting to another drainage system or allowing stormwater to flow off site. Commercial development shall be required to handle calculated flows from a 25-year storm.
- c. **Drains.** In no instance shall roof drains, subsurface drains, or overflow drains of any kind be directed to the public road layout.

§ 88-4. Erosion and sediment control requirements.

- a. Erosion. Erosion control provisions shall be designed and executed to prevent erosion or excessive uncontrolled surface water runoff from draining onto any public way, both during and after construction. No grading or clearing of land shall begin until all required erosion control measures are in place and fully constructed. Permanent erosion control measures including but not limited to re-vegetation, retention basins and siltation barriers may be required to ensure stormwater will not discharge onto the public way.
- b. Sediment control. The Town may require measures to reduce tracking of sediment from construction vehicles onto the public way. The contractor is required to clean up any sediment inadvertently discharged, through tracking or other means, into the public way or drainage systems. In no case shall sediment be allowed to discharge onto a public way or into public drainage infrastructure.

§ 88-5. Fines and penalties.

Any person violating this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.) for each offense, and may have his permit revoked. Each day that such offense continues shall constitute a separate offense.