

# Posting Weight Restrictions

4-9-24 Workshop with Newcastle Select Board

# Survey Question to the Select Board

The list of items were shared in a memo at the February 26th Select Board meeting.

The ask was to rank the items in order of most important (1) to you to least important (14).

# Responses

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Avg. Score</b>	<b>Item for consideration</b>
1	3.60	pushes the problem somewhere else
2	4.00	A small span or bridge was posted for weight, width, etc
3	5.40	curvy and winding road - especially if tree lined creating bad sight lines

# Responses

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4	5.60	Foundation base and subbase are not stable to carry legal heavy loads (minimal 15-18" inches of gravel and minimal 4" good bituminous surface)
5	6.20	travel way road width (not including shoulders) should be adequate and safe (min 24 ft wide)
6	6.60	road budget is not able to support higher maintenance costs of this one road at the expense of all others

# Responses

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7	6.80	land use of abutting land? Presence of schools, day cares, elder care, etc
8	7.00	highly residential area
	7.00	high crash history
10	8.80	businesses with property on the road that would be impacted
	8.80	pedestrian route or other types of users

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12	11.20	extent longer route impact cost to companies
13	12.00	Detour route is not unreasonably longer
	12.00	Impact on historic buildings/properties, etc

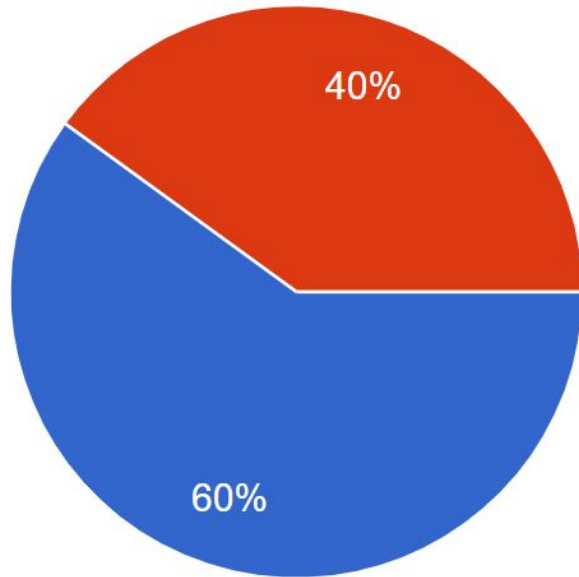
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There are three Town of Newcastle Roads which could be considered cut throughs or short cuts. Academy Hill Road, North Newcastle Road, and Lewis Hill Road.

<https://tinyurl.com/yxsvpvxw> for a map of town roads.

Do you believe the Select Board should just develop a policy that either does or does not permanently post roads that are considered shortcuts?

# Response



- Develop a policy that states the Select Board DOES NOT permanently post Town Roads
- Develop a policy that has a process to request to post a road (based on weighted criteria from above and the conversation planned for April 9th)



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Any other questions or comments for the workshop?

## Response

Because the town has no way to enforce weight limits it seems pointless to establish a policy of posting our roads.