

### **Modifications Regarding Trench Permits for Water and Sewer Service work on Private Property**

**(Effective 3/29/2010)**

As of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 there are new rules regarding the installation, replacement or repair of Water and Sewer services within the Town. These changes have been adopted to ensure the Town complies with recent Excavation and Trench Safety Regulations imposed by the Commonwealth in 520 CMR 14.00

1. If any trench work is to be done in the Right of Way, then a Right of Way Permit approved by the Town should be submitted with a service plan as part of the Application for Water/Sewer Service.
2. If no trench work is to be done in the Right of Way, then a completed Concord Public Works “*Trench Permit Application – Excavator Information*” form must be submitted for each service application by the Licensed Drain Layer who will be principally responsible for supervising the work along with a service plan. The “excavator” is the Permit Holder, but that person is not, necessarily the operator of hoisting equipment on the project.
3. All operators who perform water or sewer service trench work authorized under this application must be licensed to operate hoisting or other mechanical equipment by the Department of Public Safety, and it is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to see that an operator is properly licensed.
4. If no work is done in the Right of Way then the approval letter shall constitute the Trench Permit issued by the Town of Concord for the Water/Sewer service work on private property provided that a digsafe number is provided to the Division prior to initiating service installation activities and shall be posted and made available to authorities as required by 520 CMR 14.03.