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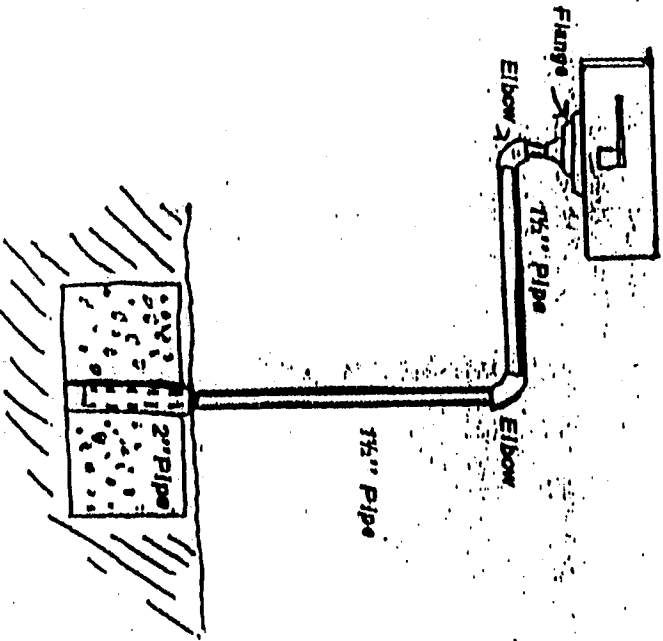
Re: Mailbox Installation

Each winter, the accidental destruction of mailboxes along Town of Barrington roads has becomes an issue. Residents use a variety of materials and methods to construct supports for their mailboxes. In the course of plowing the roads, it is necessary to plow off the shoulders to provide room for future deposits of snow. This is done with a hydraulically operated wing, controlled by the second man in the plow truck (wingman). A number of things can happen that may result in a damaged or destroyed mailbox. Some boxes and posts are knocked over by the force of the snow flying off the wing of the plow, not by the wing actually striking the structure.

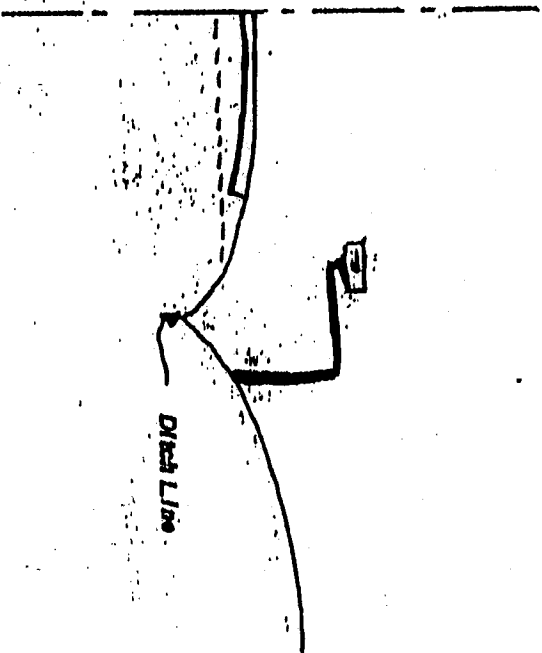
The Town of Barrington proposes that all mailboxes be constructed according to specifications that will allow boxes to swing away and not be damaged by the plow truck. In addition, this design will better allow for summer shoulder reconstruction projects to proceed efficiently.

By resolution of the Town of Barrington Town Board, those mailboxes damaged during winter plowing that have been constructed according to these specifications (or an equivalent method that has been approved by the Highway Superintendent), will be repaired by the highway department, while all others will be the responsibility of the homeowner. Further, The Town of Barrington will only replace damaged mailboxes with a generic mailbox. Copies of the specifications for mailbox installation are available to anyone requesting such. These may be obtained by either calling the Town of Barrington Highway Department at 607-243-8323 or stopping at the Barrington Town Hall during open hours. This policy will take effect on to allow the homeowner sufficient time to comply with this installation method.

A SERVICEABLE RURAL MAIL BOX MOUNTING



METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION



METHOD OF LOCATION

The details given here are for construction with standard pipe and fittings.

The first step is to size up the location for your mailbox to decide exactly where it should be and how much pipe will be needed. Don't forget to consult your highway superintendent or rural mail carrier.

The best size pipe to use is 1 1/2 inch. This will fit snugly into the 2 inch base pipe. After deciding the length of pipe for the horizontal arm and distance the box should be above the ground at the base, add about a foot to allow seating into the larger base pipe. You will also need a 4 to 6 inch piece of 1 1/2 inch pipe to form the flange to the elbow.

The 2 inch base pipe should be about 15 inches long. Besides the pipe, you will need two elbows and one flange to fit the 1 1/2 inch pipe.

You will also need some cement, sand and gravel to pour the foundation for your mailbox mounting. By using 1 1/2 inch pipe inside the 2 inch base pipe, your mailbox mounting will pivot about the vertical axis if it is accidentally struck, thereby preventing breakage. However, to keep the mailbox from being moved around in the wind, it should not swing too freely. A good way to do this is to groove the 2 inch base pipe and put a bolt through the 1 1/2 inch pipe so that it rests firmly in place.

