### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2010

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2010 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Planning, Outreach and Community Affairs, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the members of the legislative body of ORWELL

in ADDISON

County

on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000			0.000	0.000
Class 1 Lane	0.000			0.000	
Class 2	14.500			14.500	0.000
Class 3	49.46			49.46	0.000
State Highway	11.415			11.415	0.000
Class 4	3.99			3.99	0.000
Legal Trail	1.23			1.23	
Total	75.375			75.375	0.000

<sup>\*</sup> Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications is NOT included in total.

#### PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

- 1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".
- 2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).
- 3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).
- 4. SCENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

IF THERE ARE NO CH	ANGES IN MILEAGE	: Check box and sign below.	[]	
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Selectmen/ Aldermen/	Trustees Signatures:	Roland Simmons	Wa	Cher E. James
		Barner Barner		
		Carla U. Och	2/	
T/C/V Clerk Signature:	Susan Jenn	arnebold	Date Filed:	Jan. 11, 2010
Please sign ORIGINAL a	nd return it for Transp			

Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED: Representative Agency of Transportation

DATE: 1/13/2010

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

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### Vermont Statutes Annotated

19 V.S.A. § 305. Measurement and inspection

### § 305. Measurement and inspection

Community Affairs Division

- (a) After reasonable notice to the selectboard, a representative of the agency may measure and inspect the class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each town to verify the accuracy of the records on file with the agency. Upon request, the selectboard or their designee shall be permitted to accompany the representative of the agency during the measurement and inspection. The agency shall notify the town when any highway, or portion of a highway, does not meet the standards for its assigned class. If the town fails, within one year, to restore the highway or portion of the highway to the accepted standard, or to reclassify, or to discontinue, or develop an acceptable schedule for restoring to the accepted standards, the agency for purposes of apportionment under section 306 of this title shall deduct the affected mileage from that assigned to the town for the particular class of the road in question.
- (b) Annually, on or before February 10, the selectboard shall file with the town clerk a sworn statement of the description and measurements of all class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails then in existence, including any special designation such as a throughway or scenic highway. When class 1, 2, 3, or 4 town highways, trails, or unidentified corridors are accepted, discontinued, or reclassified, a copy of the proceedings shall be filed in the town clerk's office and a copy shall be forwarded to the agency.
- (c) All class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails shall appear on the town highway maps by July 1, 2015.
- (d) At least 45 days prior to first including a town highway or trail that is not clearly observable by physical evidence of its use as a highway or trail and that is legally established prior to February 10, 2006 in the sworn statement required under subsection (b) of this section, the legislative body of the municipality shall provide written notice and an opportunity to be heard at a duly warned meeting of the legislative body to persons owning lands through which a highway or trail passes or abuts.
- (e) The agency shall not accept any change in mileage until the records required to be filed in the town clerk's office by this section are received by the agency. A request by a municipality to the agency for a change in mileage shall include a description of the affected highway or trail, a copy of any surveys of the affected highway or trail, minutes of meetings at which the legislative body took action with respect to the changes, and a current town highway map with the requested deletions and additions sketched on it. A survey shall not be required for class 4 town highways that are legally established prior to February 10, 2006. All records filed with the agency are subject to verification in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.
- (f) The selectboard of any town who are aggrieved by a finding of the agency concerning the measurement, description or classification of a town highway may appeal to the transportation board by filing a notice of appeal with the executive secretary of the transportation board.
- (g) The agency shall provide each town with a map of all of the highways in that town together with the mileage of each class 1, 2, 3, and 4 highway, as well as each trail, and such other information as the agency deems appropriate.

Excerpt of 19 V.S.A. § 305 - Measurement and inspection from Vermont Statutes Online located at – <a href="http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=19&Chapter=003&Section=00305">http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=19&Chapter=003&Section=00305</a>

12/29/2009

### CERTIFICATE OF MASS DISCONTINUANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2009 2010

We, the members of the legislative body of ORWELL	in ADDISON	County
on an oath state that the mass discontinuance of highways not occording to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 30		was performed
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the municipal planning commission	Yes (copy attached)	Not Applicable
the conservation commission in the municipality	Yes (copy attached)	Not Applicable
the legislative body of each abutting municipality	✓ Yes (copy attached)	
the regional planning commission	Yes (copy attached)	
the commissioner of forest, parks and recreation	✓ Yes (copy attached)	
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### TOWN OF ORWELL VERMONT

### Office of the Select Board

Paula J. Barnes Walker E. James Carla A. Ochs Roland Simmons, Chair Peter Young P.O. Box 32 Orwell, Vermont 05760

802-948-2221

September 29, 2009

Jonathan Croft VTrans Mapping Unit 1 National Drive Montpelier, Vermont 05633-5001

RE: Certificate of Mass Discontinuance of Orwell Town Highways

Dear Jonathan Croft:

Enclosed please find the documents needed to process the mass discontinuance of town highways for the Town of Orwell:

Certificate of Mass Discontinuance of Town Highways

Copy of posted Warning

Copies of Newspaper legal ads

Memo of required notifications

Copies of Certified Mail Receipts of required notifications

Copy of latest certified state map

Copy of Certificate of Highway Mileage year ending Feb 10, 2009

Copy of Ancient Roads public hearing agenda

Copy of Proposed Select Board Agenda for Sept 14, 2009

Copy of Letter from Mike Fraysier, ANR Lands Director

Copy of actual Select Board Agenda for Sept 14, 2009

Copy of approved Ancient Roads Public hearing minutes

Copy of approved Select Board minutes for Sept 14, 2009 regular meeting

If you have any questions or if I have missed any requirements, please contact me at 802-948-2032 or email tckorwel@sover.net

Thank you for all your assistance in working through this process. You are most helpful.

Sincerely,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk for the Orwell Select Board

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Vermont Agency of Transport

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Orwell Select board

Date: July 27, 2009

By: Relove Simmer

Copy: Bank, Post Office, Town Office

Select Board Chairs Abutting Towns, Shoreham, Whiting, Benson, Sudbury

Chair, Orwell Planning Commission

Exec Director, Addition Cty Reg Planning Com

Commissioner, VT Dept of Forest Parks & Recreation

VT Secretary of Transportation

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By: Roland Simmons, Chair

Date: July 27, 2009

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(Continued from Page 8B)

Ayrshire, four-year-old and older: first, Tippy, Sara Ingwersen; second, Wapasha, Stephanie Traverse.

Brown Swiss, four-year-old and older: first, Maisy, Katelynn Tracey.

Guernsey, four-year-old and older: first, Honey, Tirzah Hescock.

Holstein, four-year-old and older: first, Alexia, Amanda Thomas; second, Kissa, Tirzah Hescock.

Jersey, four-year-old and older: first, Butter, Kim Kayhart; second, Snowflake, Katelynn Tracey.

Young dry cow: first, Lilly, Buddy Tracey; second, Citrus, Pierre Plouffe. Ayrshire, aged dry cow: first, Fire, Wyatt Traverse.

### Public Notices can be found on Pages 14B and 16B.

### TOWN OF BRISTOL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bristol Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the Town Offices temporarily located at 6 South St beginning at 7:00 P.M. to consider the following application:

Application #09-57 of Pamela Smith for review of the recommendation of the Design Review Commission regarding the applicant's request to make changes to the rear façade of her building located at 18 Main Street (Parcel #235075), in the Block Commercial district. The applicant has requested approval under the provisions of Article XI: Downtown Design Review District of the Bristol Zoning Regulations.

A copy of the complete zoning application is available for review at the Bristol Town Office during regular business hours. 8/13

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Orwell Select Board By: Roland Simmons, Chair Date: July 27, 2009

### TOWN OF SHORE

The resident and nonresident owne of Shoreham in the County of Addis such town for the years 2007 and 20 following described lands, premises of

Taxpayer: Thomas Clayton and Sa Property: 2.2 acres and shed locate described in a deed recorded at Bo Land Records.

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### e alive at Chimney Point open house

Iren and the young at heart, trefreshments and special craft vities for kids while their parents the sun set over the lake.

We encourage everyone to g a kite if there's a breeze, and ome dressed in costume from favorite period in history," ertson said. "And of course, to a about history from our exhibund about other events occurin the area from local museum esentatives."

nere will be an opportunity to 1 more about the Sept. 18-20 ival of Nations at Chimney Point Crown Point — a Champlain dricentennial signature event — the Aug. 19 visit at the Crown It Pier of the Day Pekinpaugh, 9-foot historic canal motor ship its New York Hudson-Fultonmplain 400th legacy voyage.

In addition, there will be a screening of the new New England Emmy-award-winning film by Caro Thompson, "Champlain: The Lake Between," a project of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Chimney Point, and Vermont Public Television.

The event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Donations are appreciated.

The Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison is located at the intersections of Vermont routes 125 and 17, at the foot of the Lake Champlain Bridge, overlooking Lake Champlain. It was the site of military installations in 1690 and 1731 and during the American Revolution. The 1785 tavern building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, houses exhibits interpreting the Native American,

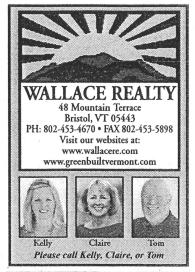
French colonial, and early American history of the area.

"In the summer of 1759, as the British army closed in, the French retreated northward to Canada, destroying their forts and burning their houses," Gilbertson said. "All that was left of the houses were the chimneys, thus Chimney Point earned its name."

The site is open Wednesday through Sunday and Monday holidays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission is \$3 for adults and includes entrance to the museum, while children under 15 are admitted free. The museum shop carries many books on the French and Indian War period and Native American history.

Call 759-2412 for information or visit www.historicvermont.org/chimneypoint/chimneypoint.html.

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TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY
SULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
LEY LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
ues., Aug. 11, 2009 • 7:00 PM

Regular meeting will be preceded 6:30 PM by a Walk-Around of the Llbrary with Library Director Dave Clark & Library Trustees

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EGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Call to Order
10 PM

\*Approval of Minutes - July 28 2009 \*Approval of Agenda Citizen Comments (Opportunity to raise

or address issues that are not otherwise included on this agenda)
15 PM

Annual Discussion with the IIsley Library Trustees 20 PM

Water and Sewer rate adjustment decision 10 PM

\*\* Pulp Mill Bridge - Strategy for Reconstruction and Traffic Management 10 PM

'Approval of Liquor License - Bart Vlart, Inc. dba Greg's Market (change of ownership) 0 PM

Cross Street Bridge Progress Report 10 PM

\* Acceptance of August 3 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes 25 PM

\*\* Town of Cornwall request for \$5,000 natching funds for Enhancement Grant

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## AUGIONS

### **PUBLIC CONSIGNMENT**

### AUCTION

Located at Gray's Field,1315 US RT 5 in Fairlee, VT 05045. Take exit 15 off I-91 go North on RT 5 and field is on the left.

SAT.- AUGUST 15th, 2009 • STARTING @ 8:30 AM

SELLING CONSTRUCTION & FARM EQUIPMENT, AUTO'S, TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND MORE.

Terex TB-44 4WD diesel boom lift, Case 590 turbo 4WD TLB w/extenda hoe, MF 35 diesel tractor w/5' rotary mower, Kubota B9200 4WD w/loader, Farmall 706 diesel tractor w/cab,

2007 Walker MT6HS mower w/bagger & 88 hrs; NH 315 baler w/kicker, 2008 JD LA175 lawn tractor, JD L120 lawn tractor, Toro 14-38 lawn tractor, King Cutter 72" finish mower, Landpride 72" flail mower, Wood RB850 3pth hyd 6 way scraper blade, 2004 Wacker portable light plant/generator, 2000 JLG 40 RTS 4x4 scissor lift,



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**DATE**: July 31, 2009

TO:

Andrea Ochs, Chair Orwell Planning Commission

Paul Saenger, Chair Shoreham Select Board

Douglas Freeguard, Chair Whiting Select Board

Arthur Keefe, Chair Sudbury Select Board

Guy Charlton, Chair Benson Select Board

Adam Lougee, Executive Director Addison County Regional Planning

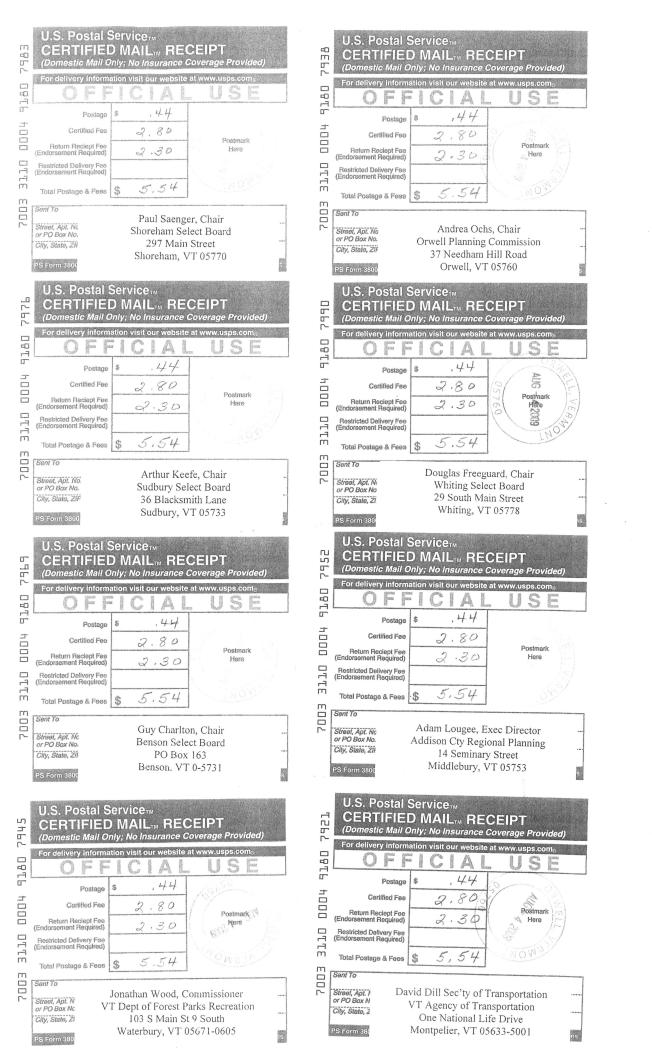
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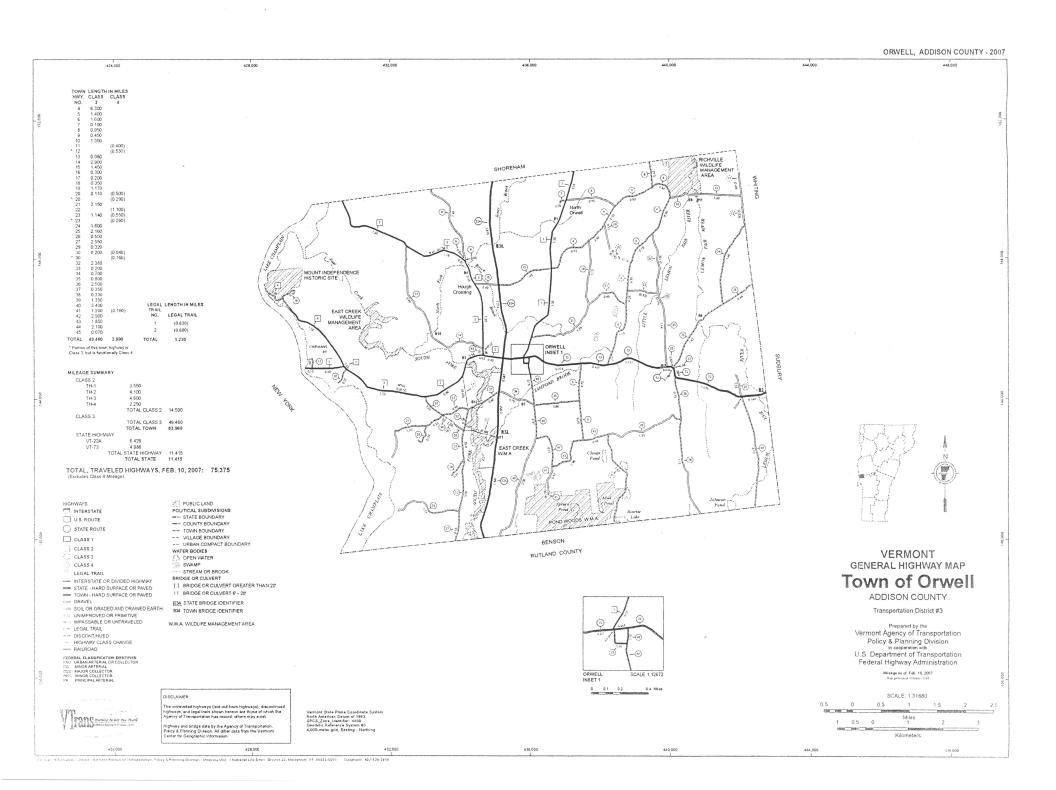
David Dill, Secretary of Transportation

FROM: The Orwell Select Board, Roland Simmons, Chair

RE: Discontinuance of Roads in Orwell

Attached are the notice of public hearing, a copy of the most recent Vermont Agency of Transportation Map, and a Certificate of Highway Mileage.





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Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

Date Filed:

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

12/29/2008 DATE:

### ORWELL SELECT BOARD HEARING

Date September 14, 2009 Town Office 7:00 p.m.

### **Ancient Roads Public Hearing**

### Agenda

To hear concerns of residents of the Town of Orwell regarding whether or not to discontinue ancient in said town.

In order to fall under the classification of "ancient road" to be considered for discontinuance at this hearing, ... all town highways that are:

- 1) not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail
- 2) and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measurement of town highways filed with the town clerk. [ie: the official town highway map]

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORWELL SELECT BOARD

Date: <u>September 14, 2009</u> Town Office 7:30 p.m.

## PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING TO HEAR CONCERNS ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO DISCONTINUE ANCIENT ROADS IN THE TOWN OF ORWELL 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN OFFICE

The Regular Select Board Meeting will following the hearing.

### PROPOSED AGENDA

- 1. CITIZENS COMMENTS. 7:30 7:40
- 2. HIGHWAY REPORT.
  - a. Road Foreman Report
  - b. '93 Mack Replacement Research
  - c. Grader Repairs
  - d. Brush Cutting
- 3. MINUTES.
- 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.
- 5. SEWER REPORT.

Monthly Sewer Reports to State

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Financial Reports

- 7. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Dog Status
  - b.
  - c.
- 8. NEW BUSINESS.

Vote on Ancient Roads Discontinuance

- 9. OTHER BUSINESS.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT.



State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

103 South Main Street, 10 South Waterbury, VT 05671-0601 www.vtfpr.org

[fax] 802-2 [tdd] 800-2

802-244-1481 800-253-0191

802.241.3693 ANR Lands Division

August 31, 2009

Town of Orwell Selectboard c/o Susan Arnebold, Town Clerk P O Box 32 Orwell, Vermont 05760 RECEIVED FOR RECORD

Agency of Natural Resources

SEP 03 2009

ORWELL TOWN CLERK

### Dear Board Members:

We are in receipt of the notice pursuant to the requirements of Title 19 V.S.A. that you propose to discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trails and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measure of town highways in the Town of Orwell. The Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation has reviewed the proposal and finds that this will not affect any existing trail corridors and therefore, has no objection to the proposed discontinuations. For your information, it has been the policy of this Department to encourage towns to continue ownership of highway rights-of-way where they are of sufficient length or location to be of value to recreational users. Such existing rights-of-way can be valuable recreation resources for our growing population.

With the passage of H. 83 in the 1991 Legislature, the laws regarding Class 4 roads and trails give much more strength to towns in their ability to preserve these rights-of-way. Title 19 V.S.A. 711 states in part:

"...the selectmen may order that the petitioner bear the cost of upgrading a class 4 town highway to the class 3 town highway standards established in 19 V.S.A. 302(a)

(3)(B). Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a town to maintain a class 4 highway or to upgrade a highway from class 4 to class 3."

Enclosed is a copy of the "Town Policy on Class 4 Roads and Trails," issued by the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council. In addition, you will find a copy of the Department's policy on road discontinuance. You may want to consider a similar policy in Orwell. Having such a policy will help to ensure that you will not be required to maintain Class 4 roads or trails or upgrade them to Class 3.

This Department will not be represented at your meeting on September 14, 2009 but we ask that this letter and attachments be entered into the proceedings. We also request that local trail organizations such as snowmobile clubs be notified of the proposed discontinuance.

Thank you for contacting us on this matter. We always appreciate the opportunity to comment on these important recreation resources.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Fraysier

ANR Lands Director

Enclosures

Cc: Trails Coordinator, VAST; FPR District Trails Coordinator, Bill Baron; Planning Office, AOT



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### ANCIENT ROADS PUBLIC HEARING

**September 14, 2009 Orwell Town Office** 7:00 p.m.

Select Board: Walker James

Carla Ochs

Roland Simmons, Chair

**Peter Young** 

Present:

Allen R Alger

Susan James

Marilynn Prior

Maurice E Prior, Jr

The hearing was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

Roland Simmons read the warning that stated the "purpose of the hearing is to discuss whether or not the Select Board shall vote to discontinue the Town's so-called "ancient roads."

The Select Board may vote to discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measurement of town highways filed with the Town Clerk on December 22, 2008.

The ANR Lands Director, Mike Fraysier sent a letter to the Town of Orwell Select Board stating that the Dept of Forest, Parks & Recreation has reviewed the proposal and finds that this will not affect any existing trail corridors and there, has no objection to the proposed discontinuations.

### Comments/Concerns

Voters present felt that the discontinuance was a good idea and will leave no surprises for a landowner.

The Chair, using the certified highway map on the wall, explained that all class 4 roads and trails are on the current map. The old roads that may have been laid out but never built, used, are no longer in use or no one knows about in a clear manner are the so called "ancient roads."

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk have been researching the town roads and find that there are no roads, that have clear legal evidence and descriptions of location such as metes and bounds, to be added to the current certified map.

There were no additional comments.

Walker James moved to adjourn the hearing at 7:29 p.m. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

> Respectfully submitted, Susan Ann Arnebold Clerk of the Board

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### MEETING OF THE ORWELL SELECT BOARD

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Immediately following the Ancient Roads Public Hearing, the regular Select Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

### 1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Susan James requested that the Road Crew fix the Class 3 section of DeWitt Lane adjacent to her home. Walker James agreed to address this request.

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[From Paul Parent to Brad Thomas]

\$6,035.00

Discussion ensued.

Walker James <u>moved</u> to do the above as proposed. Roland Simmons <u>seconded</u> the motion. The <u>motion passed</u> - 4 Yes 0 No [Paula Barnes arrived after this vote.]

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- c. <u>Grader Repairs</u> The grader is back in service and the Road Crew is pleased. The Town now has a much better grader than can be purchased in today's market thanks mostly to the Road Crew's diligent maintenance over the past few years.
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### 3. MINUTES.

Peter Young moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2009, as written. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No. [Paula Barnes was not at this meeting.]

### 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$17,772.53, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$80.00 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

### 5. SEWER REPORT.

Roland Simmons reviewed and signed the monthly reports to the state. The Select Board went over the lab report sent by Endyne that showed good results on phosphorus. There are still foreign items coming through the sewer such as diapers or t-shirts.

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed and discussed the latest financial reports. The bank charges for both the General and Sewer funds were questioned - \$56 and \$736 respectively???

The 2009 Mileage Budget line is missing the 2009 budget figure of \$3,000.

### 7. OLD BUSINESS.

<u>Dog Status</u> - The Town Clerk reported that the Animal Control Officer has accounted for all the delinquent dog owner licenses. There are some newly discovered dogs that Dean Hanson will check out.

Paula Barnes asked if the ACO had any questions about the procedure. No one heard any questions about the procedure from Dean Hanson. The law is quiet clear on the procedure.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS.

<u>Vote on Ancient Roads Discontinuance</u> - The Select Board did a short review of the hearing comments with the participants present.

Walker James <u>moved</u> pursuant to 19 VSA §305(h) that the Town of Orwell discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measure of town highways with the Town Clerk on December 22, 2008. Peter Young <u>seconded</u> the motion. The <u>motion passed</u> - 5 Yes 0 No.

### 9. OTHER BUSINESS.

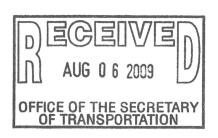
None.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT.

Peter Young <u>moved</u> to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Paula Barnes <u>seconded</u> the motion. The <u>motion passed</u> - 5 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board

# TOWN OF ORWELL 436 MAIN STREET PO BOX 32 ORWELL, VERMONT 05760



[802] 948-2221

**DATE**: July 31, 2009

TO:

Andrea Ochs, Chair Orwell Planning Commission

Paul Saenger, Chair Shoreham Select Board

Douglas Freeguard, Chair Whiting Select Board

Arthur Keefe, Chair Sudbury Select Board

Guy Charlton, Chair Benson Select Board

Adam Lougee, Executive Director Addison County Regional Planning

Jonathan Wood, Commissioner Vt Dept of Forest Parks & Recreation

David Dill, Secretary of Transportation

FROM: The Orwell Select Board, Roland Simmons, Chair

**RE:** Discontinuance of Roads in Orwell

Attached are the notice of public hearing, a copy of the most recent Vermont Agency of Transportation Map, and a Certificate of Highway Mileage.

### WARNING

### TOWN OF ORWELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

On the Question Whether to Discontinue Ancient Roads in the Town of Orwell

The Orwell Select Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Orwell Town Office.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss whether or not the Select Board shall vote to discontinue the Town's so-called "ancient roads." The Select Board may vote to discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measurement of town highways filed with the Town Clerk on December 22, 2008. A copy of Vermont General Highway of the town of Orwell, dated February 10, 2007, and a copy of the Certificate of Highway Mileage are attached hereto. The Select Board will vote on the matter at its next scheduled meeting following this public hearing.

The hearing is held and notice given pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §305(i).

Orwell Select board

By: Roland Simus Date: July 27, 2009

Copy: Bank, Post Office, Town Office

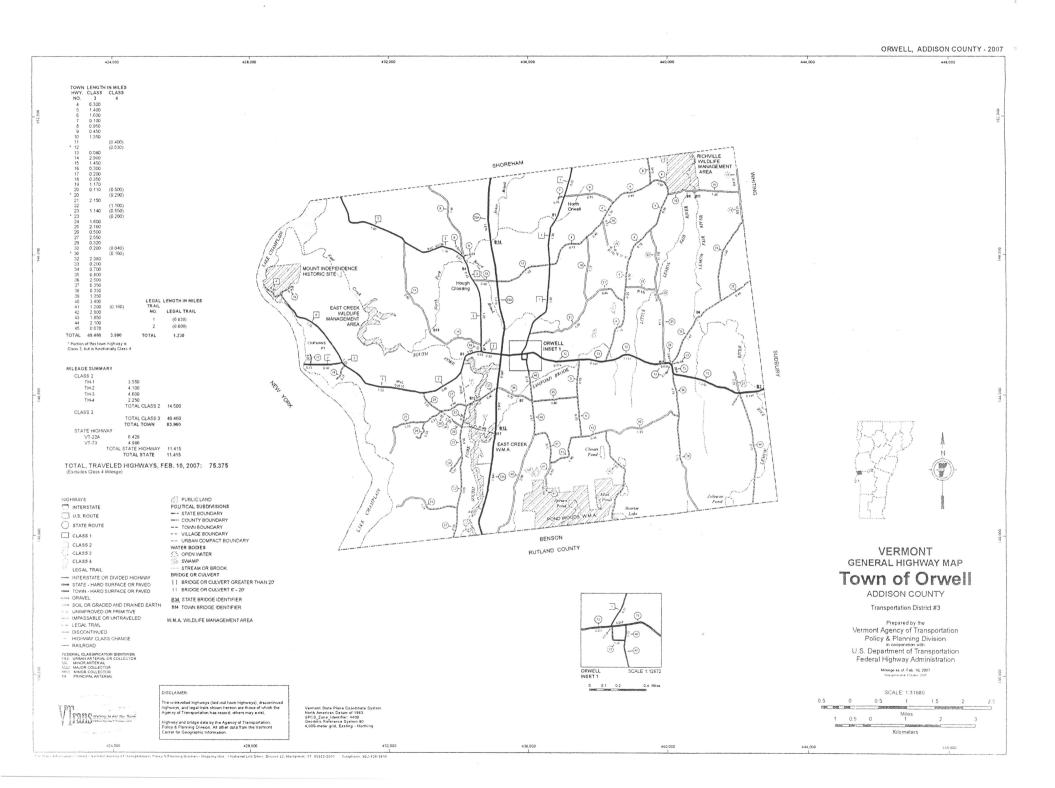
Select Board Chairs Abutting Towns, Shoreham, Whiting, Benson, Sudbury

Chair, Orwell Planning Commission

Exec Director, Addition Cty Reg Planning Com

Commissioner, VT Dept of Forest Parks & Recreation

VT Secretary of Transportation



### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2009 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Policy and Pianning Division, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the members of the legislative body of ORWELL

in ADDISON

12/29/2008

Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

DATE:

on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000			0.000	0.000
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Class 2 .	14.500	Assaur	The second secon	14.500	0.000
Class 3	49.46	DEC	6 2008	49.460	0.000
State Highway	11.415	fallon, of		11.415	0.000
Class 4	3.99	·		(3.99)	0.000
Legal Trail	1.23		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(1.23)	
Total	75.375			75.375	0.000

<sup>\*</sup> Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications is NOT included in total.

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Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

Representative, Agency of Transportation

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

APPROVED:

P	ART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.
	1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".
	2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).
	3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).
	4. SCENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.
IF	THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Check box and sign below. [XX]X
P.	ART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.
	Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures: Rame Simin - Wacker E, James Caul Barres Petro De Control
	Carla Q. Ochs
$T_{i}$	VCN Clerk Signature: Susan Ann Gunebold Date Filed: Dec 22, 2008



State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

103 South Main Street, 10 South Waterbury, VT 05671-0601 www.vtfpr.org [fax] 802-244-1481

[tdd] 800-253-0191

Agency of Natural Resources

802.241.3693 ANR Lands Division

August 31, 2009

Town of Orwell Selectboard c/o Susan Arnebold, Town Clerk P O Box 32 Orwell, Vermont 05760 Vermont Agency of Transportation

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Policy & Planning Disc

#### Dear Board Members:

We are in receipt of the notice pursuant to the requirements of Title 19 V.S.A. that you propose to discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trails and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measure of town highways in the Town of Orwell. The Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation has reviewed the proposal and finds that this will not affect any existing trail corridors and therefore, has no objection to the proposed discontinuations. For your information, it has been the policy of this Department to encourage towns to continue ownership of highway rights-of-way where they are of sufficient length or location to be of value to recreational users. Such existing rights-of-way can be valuable recreation resources for our growing population.

With the passage of H. 83 in the 1991 Legislature, the laws regarding Class 4 roads and trails give much more strength to towns in their ability to preserve these rights-of-way. Title 19 V.S.A. 711 states in part:

"...the selectmen may order that the petitioner bear the cost of upgrading a class 4 town highway to the class 3 town highway standards established in 19 V.S.A. 302(a)

(3)(B). Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a town to maintain a class 4 highway or to upgrade a highway from class 4 to class 3."

Enclosed is a copy of the "Town Policy on Class 4 Roads and Trails," issued by the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council. In addition, you will find a copy of the Department's policy on road discontinuance. You may want to consider a similar policy in Orwell. Having such a policy will help to ensure that you will not be required to maintain Class 4 roads or trails or upgrade them to Class 3.

This Department will not be represented at your meeting on September 14, 2009 but we ask that this letter and attachments be entered into the proceedings. We also request that local trail organizations such as snowmobile clubs be notified of the proposed discontinuance.

Thank you for contacting us on this matter. We always appreciate the opportunity to comment on these important recreation resources.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Fraysier

ANR Lands Director

Enclosures

Cc: Trails Coordinator, VAST; FPR District Trails Coordinator, Bill Baron; Planning Office, AOT

FORESTS, PARKS & RECREATION VERMONT