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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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VTrans Mapping Section

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2022 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section via email to: aot.mileagecertificates@vermont.gov or if necessary via mail to: VTrans PPAID -Mapping Section, 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641.

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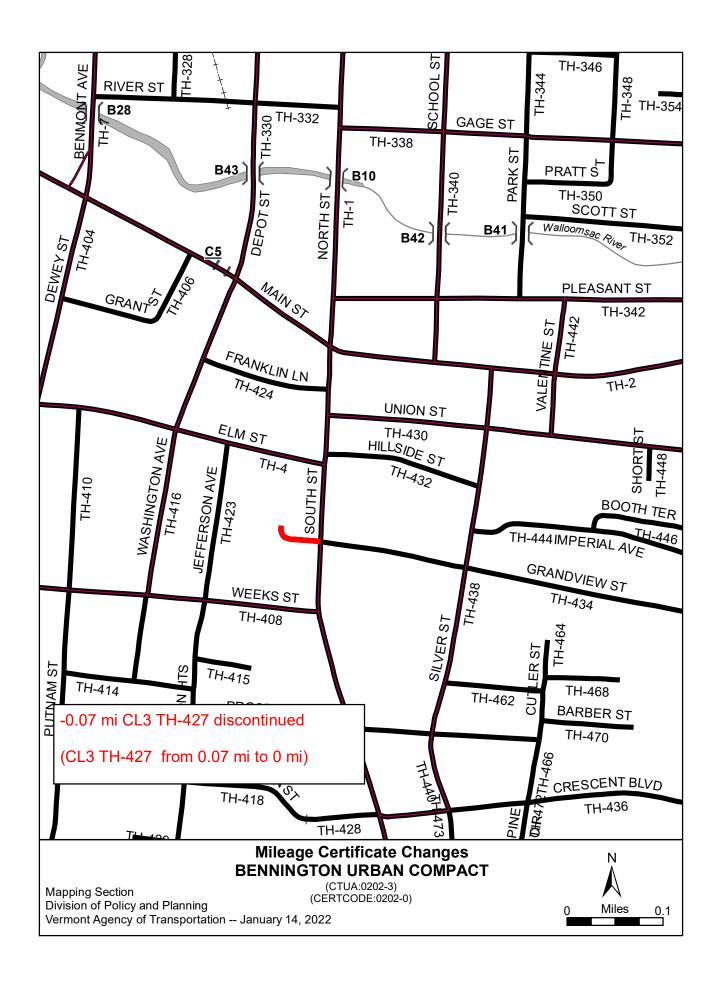
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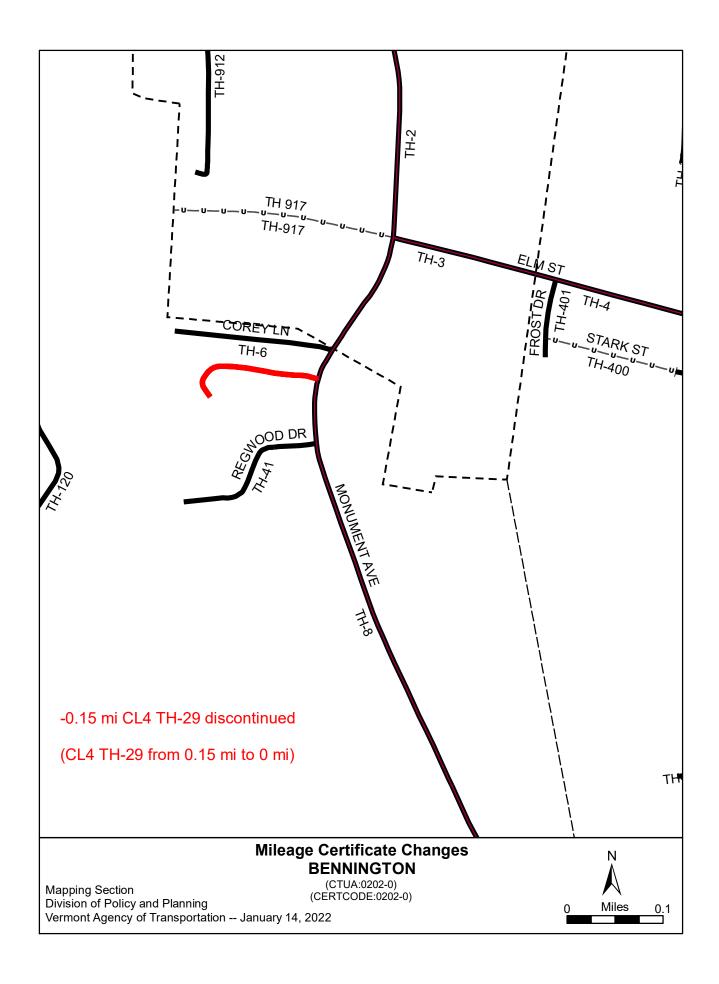
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1	BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING
2	130 RIVER STREET
3	BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201
4	NOVEMBER 8, 2021
5	MINUTES
6 7	SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeannie Jenkins-Chair; Jeanne Conner-Vice Chair; Bruce Lee-Clark; Jim Carroll; Sarah Perrin and Gary Corey.
8	SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Haley.
9 10 11 12 13	ALSO PRESENT: Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Dan Monks-Assistant Town Manager; Shannon Barsotti-Community Development Director; Jonah Spivak-Communications Coordinator; Representative Mary Morrissey; Norman LeBlanc-VFW Commander; Rick Zadle; Joseph Krawczyk, Jr.; Gary Martin; Phil Young; Dr. Trey Dobson-SVMC Medical Director; Alexina Jones; Jennifer Jasper; Nancy White; Jim Vires-CAT-TV; Jim Therrien-Bennington Banner and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.
15 16 17	At 6:00pm, Ms. Jenkins called the meeting to order and asked those not vaccinated to wear a mask and social distance. There are wipes to wipe down the microphone if you wish to speak.
18	1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
19	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
20	2. VISION STATEMENT
21 22	Ms. Conner read the Town's Vision Statement that was adopted by the Select Board on August 24, 2020:
23 24	"Bennington is a welcoming, engaged, inclusive, resilient community where everyone regardless of identity shares in our vitality and benefits from an outstanding quality of life."
25	3. CONSENT AGENDA
26	A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2021
27	B. WARRANTS
28 29	Jim Carroll moved and Bruce Lee-Clark seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with the Minutes of October 25, 2021 amended as follows:
30 31	Line 245, Change "The Town of Bennington received" to "The Bennington Police Department received"

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The motion carried with Tom Haley absent.

4. PROCLAMATION-PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY-VFW

Mr. Carroll read the Town of Bennington Proclamation Purple Heart Community as presented.

Representative Mary Morrissey cited the many people and organizations involved with the Purple Heart award and the four recipients that were present for the sacrifices they have made for our country during their military service. They are Rick Zadle, Joseph Krawczyk, Jr., Gary Martin and Phil Young.

Norman LeBlanc, VFW Commander, explained that the Purple Heart is the oldest award still given to all ranks of military service to those that were wounded or died in the line of duty, and thanked the Town for supporting our Purple Heart recipients.

The Select Board signed the Town of Bennington Proclamation Purple Heart Community recognizing August 7th of a given year as Purple Heart Day in Bennington.

5. COVID UPDATE

Dr. Trey Dobson, SVMC Medical Director, did the following COVID update:

- Even though COVID cases had increased last week, those in the hospital have not.
- 25%-30% of the positive cases are coming from the under 12 age group who are not eligible to be vaccinated with the rest from the elderly with underlying conditions.
- Several thousands in the 5-11 age group have already signed up for the vaccine when it becomes available.
 - We should be vigilant about this but it is not as dire as it would seem.
- The areas with more cases rotates throughout the State.
- IV treatment of COVID is expensive but prevents people from being hospitalized. Oral treatments are expected to be available in early 2022.
- 56 Board questions/comments answered by Dr. Dobson:
- 57 Mr. Carroll: Are those getting COVID primarily the unvaccinated? Yes, about 5:1 unvaccinated
- to vaccinated with 100% of the ICU admissions unvaccinated.
- 59 Ms. Conner: We're not hearing much about new variants. Is that still the case? Yes.
- 60 Ms. Conner: Do you have any advice for our holiday plans? Vaccinated people spreading COVID
- 61 to vaccinated people is extremely rare, however, unvaccinated transmitting to vaccinated is
- 62 where the risk lies.
- 63 Ms. Perrin: Has the hospital reached their goal of 100% vaccinated by November 1st? We will
- be 100% compliant with a small group of people that are unvaccinated because of exemptions
- 65 for medical or religious reasons.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following Public Comment Practices to make the experience for all involved a productive and informative use of the Public Comment period at Select Board meetings was placed on the podium for those that wish to make Public Comments to reference:

- 1. Public Comment is to allow residents an opportunity to share information or make announcements that benefit the community at large.
- 2. The topic should **not** be related to an agenda item. If a member of the public wants to comment on an agenda item they can do so during the discussion of that item.
- 3. Comments should be 3 minutes or less.
- 4. You are required to state your real name and town of residence.
- 5. Sharing comments, announcements and concerns are encouraged rather than asking questions. Public Comment is not a time for discussion. If you have specific questions it is best to call the Town Manager to get a full explanation and accurate information.
- 6. If the topic requires much discussion the item will be considered as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Alexina Jones, Bennington Museum Director of Advancement, described the Soul Steps performing group from New York City noting their performances all over the world. The New York Times stated their performances were "electric and joyeous" as it was when they performed in Bennington in June. We have received grants to support diversity in Bennington and Soul Steps has begun a Go Fund Me campaign, as well.

Jennifer Jasper, Bennington Performing Arts Center Executive Director, added that on

90 December 11th at 7:30pm the Bennington Performing Arts Center will have a Public Reading of

91 Excerpts of Their Municipal Work in Progress - tickets are \$15/adults and \$10/students - as well

as, two free workshops on December 12th from 11:00am-Noon and 2:00pm-3:00pm. Also, free

on November 14th at 2:00pm the AAUW Bennington Chapter will present Bennington-World

94 War II- The Women and Men Who Served, and Community Theatre, Voices from the Grave on

November 20th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm, and on December 14th we have Jingle Jangle Jingle-eve

at 1:00pm and 4:00pm for \$10/adults and free for children under 10. Masks are still required in

the theatre.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - NINJA TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Monks did the following presentation:

o We are requesting approval of a \$200,000 grant application to the VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant Program for additional funds for the Ninja Path Project.

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- 103 o The funds will allow completion of Phase 1 a link to Morse Road, a bridge across 104 Furnace Brook, and a bridge across the drainage way behind Hannaford.
- 105 o The hope is to get the permits for the Phase 1 work this winter for the construction to begin during the next construction season. We will pursue getting the permits for the entire project regardless of whether or not we are awarded the grant.
 - o He is giving us a 50% chance of getting the grant. The State often looks favorably on a project that is ready to go and we are ready to go.
 - The application is due by the end of November and it will be anywhere from 60 days to
 6 months before we know if we will get the money.
 - Phase 1 includes all project elements that cannot be done by the Town Highway
 Department.
 - Phases 2 and 3 will be to pave the trail that is currently dirt to what is paved by Bennington College.
 - o The Ninja Trail runs behind Walmart (is complete), between the river and Morse Road, underneath Route 279, behind Hannaford to the entrance of Bennington College, through Bennington College to North Bennington, and connect to the Rail Trail.
 - o This would ultimately be a 1.5 to 2 mile pedestrian trail from Bennington to North Bennington.
 - o The Board will decide what modes of transportation will be allowed on the trail.
 - Ninja = method of doing work, so based on the method by which work began on the path ~25 years ago, several volunteers lead by Joanne Erinhouse began constructing the Ninja Path.
 - o The map shared with the Board will be put on the Town's website.
 - Gary Corey moved and Bruce Lee-Clark seconded to approve applying for a \$200,000 VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant as presented. The motion carried with Tom Haley absent.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS HIGHWAY DISCONTINUANCE

A. BROOKSIDE DRIVE

B. THE FOOTHILLS (TH29)

Mr. Hurd stated that the Board did site visits on Brookside Drive at the entrance to Brookside Apartments on South Street and on The Foothills (TH29) driveway south of Corey Lane on Monument Avenue prior to tonight's meeting. The State of Vermont has identified them as "not real highways" and the Town hasn't serviced them in years. Both will go back to the property owners.

Bruce Lee-Clark moved and Jim Carroll seconded to discontinue Brookside Drive and The Foothills (TH29) as highways. The motion carried with Tom Haley absent.

9. DOWNTOWN FUNDING STRUCTURE

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Ms. Jenkins stated that the Board will further discuss the Downtown Funding Structure 140 and bring it back as an agenda item at a later date. 141 Public questions/comments: 142 Nancy White: Maintains that local approval is needed to change the Downtown Funding 143 Structure. 144 10. COMMUNITY POLICING UPDATE 145 146 Ms. Jenkins reported as follows: > The public review of procedures is ongoing until 5:00pm on November 17th. 147 > Thank you to Jonah Spivak for keeping the Task Force up-to-date and giving them 148 what they are asking for. 149 > She and Mr. Haley are reaching out to a long list of towns, organizations and 150 individuals to move the Declaration of Inclusion into action steps. We expect 151 this process to take at least a couple of more weeks and then to bring some 152 153 entry point recommendations to the Board for consideration. 11. EQUIPMENT BORROWING 154 Mr. Hurd noted that this year we are borrowing \$301,953.00 to purchase several pieces 155 156 of highway equipment all approved within the recently approved budget. Included in this Note are a Kubota Tractor with Boom Mower, a Western Star Dump Truck and a 1 Ton Pickup Truck. 157 Sarah Perrin moved and Bruce Lee-Clark seconded to waive the reading of the 158 Resolution, accept the Note for \$301,953.00, sign the Note, Resolution, and Tax Certificate to 159 then forward onto the Treasurer and Clerk for their signatures where appropriate as 160 presented. The motion carried with Tom Haley absent. 161 12. MANAGER'S REPORT 162 163 Mr. Hurd reported the following: ✓ EPA Action - JARD Site, Bowen Road - The EPA will be installing monitoring wells at the 164 JARD site to gather groundwater to further determine the impact on the surrounding 165 environment. They had capped the site 3 years ago but there are still PCB's in the 166 water. We don't expect them to find any hazards - such as on the baseball field. The 167 168 work is expected to take 3 weeks. 169 ✓ Franklin Lane Update - The design plans are completed and a formal bid process has 170

✓ Town Website Redesign - The plans to redesign the Town's website is slowly forming

been delayed due to the unavailability of contractors in our region until Spring 2022.

and hope to be ready to send out a request for proposals by January 2022. We have

~\$24,000 in this fiscal year for this project and will have a better idea of the cost by the 175 next meeting. This will be an agenda item for the November 22nd meeting. 176 177 ✓ Citizen Survey - The Citizen Survey, begun in October, was closed on November 5, 2021. 178 The process of consolidating and tallying the results will now begin. We currently have 179 640 responses in with an additional 180 anticipated by the end of the week. 180 181 13. UPCOMING AGENDA 182 November 22, 2021 - Website Update 183 November 22, 2021 - Look At Our Progress Since the Vermont Housing and Rural Development Community Visit in 2012. (The report that was produced is on the Town's 184 website under Government/Documents.). Ms. Jenkins read some of the comments that 185 were made in that report from 2012, such as our leadership, concern for youth and their 186 187 lack of engagement, non-residents think more highly of Bennington than residents do, 188 and Bennington is a town "lined up to succeed". 189 November 22, 2021 - 1. Develop a Bennington Vision Statement, Developing Community Connections and a Positive Town Image. 2. Making Downtown Bennington a 190 Destination and Building a New Bennington Town Green. 191 December 13, 2021 - Advancing a Bennington Community Center and Improving 192 Recreation and Collaborating to Address Poverty and Building a Working Group. 193 14. OTHER BUSINESS 194 Mr. Corey: The Vermont Business Magazine announced their 40 winners under 40 years old. 195 196 Congratulations to Beth Wallace and Mikaela Lewis. 197 Ms. Conner: Congratulations to everyone involved in the 10-year project to complete the safe and beautiful Orchard Village Path to Willowbrook and to Molly Stark School. There were 198 199 several in attendance at the ribbon cutting last week. Ms. Perrin: Volunteers are needed for families in need of gifts this year through the Spirit of 200 Sharing put on by the Agency of Human Services partnered with the Rotary Club. Last year they 201 served 473 children. If interested, please contact www.gettoknowrotary@gmail.com. 202 203 At 7:16pm, Bruce Lee-Clark and Jeanne Conner seconded the adjournment of the 204 meeting. The motion carried with Tom Haley absent. Respectfully submitted, Nancy H. Lively, Secretary 205

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The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale. Other terms to be announced at the

DATED: September 15, 2021 By: __/s/ Rachel K. Ljunggren Rachel K. Ljunggren, Esq. Bendett and McHugh, PC 270 Farmington Ave., Ste. 151 Farmington, CT 06032

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TOWN OF BENNINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Bennington Select Board hereby gives notice that pursuant to 19 VSA § 708-710 Et. Seq., it has under consideration whether to order the discontinuance of two highways, TH29, the Foothills, so called, and Brookside Drive, the entrance to Brookside Apartments, described as follows:

Parcel 1. TH 29 The Foothills -Beginning at an Iron pipe in the west line of Monument Avenue, so called in the Town of Bennington, Vermont and running westerly 487.83 feet; thence turning included angle of 90 degrees and running 25.00 feet; thence turning an included angle of 90 degrees and approximately

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running easterly approximately 486.60 feet; thence turning an included angle of approximately 66 degrees and running 27.34 feet to the place of the beginning.

Parcel 2. Brookside Drive -Beginning at a point in South Street, so called in the Town of Bennington, Vermont and running easterly approximately 105 feet; thence turning an included angle of 90 degrees and running approximately 61 feet; thence turning an included angle of 90 degrees and running 105.17 feet; thence turning an included angle of 90 degrees and running 60.73 feet to the place of the beginning.

The Select Board will conduct a hearing on the above on Monday, November 8, 2021 at its regularly scheduled meeting at the Bennington Fire Facility at 6:00 p.m. The Board shall view the premises at 5:00 p.m. Brookside Drive and 5:15 p.m. the Foothills on Monday, November 8, 2021.

Dated at Bennington, Vermont this 1st Day of October, 2021.

For the Select Board Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager

AD# 60867 10/05/2021

Attention: Daily newspaper now accepting subscription orders. Interested persons should call: 1-800-245-0254

Tag Sales

The Safari Supply Gun Shop is having its Day GIGANTIC Columbus Weekend Sale

Over 100 guns, fishing tackle, reloading equipment, gunsmith-ing and tons of ammo.

Trades and Consignments always welcome.

They will be liquidating all non-sporting related antiques and collectibles for dirt cheap.

Sale starts at 10:30 AM on Friday July 2nd and ends on Monday, July 5th.

Located north of Manchester and south of Rutland at 1333 US Rte 7 - Danby/Mount Tabor

Sale Starts at 10:30 AM -Friday October 6th and ends on Monday, October 11th.

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GATE LEG TABLE, good condition. \$50, Call 518-686-7794.

JUICEMAN automatic juice extractor. \$5. Call 518-686-7794.

OLD FARM TOOLS, \$5 & \$10. Call 518-686-7794.

PAMPERED CHEF large regular lid/bowl. \$10. Call 518-686-7794.

SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM MAKER. \$5, Call 518-686-7794.

WOODEN BATHROOM MEDICINE **CABINET** and lights. \$5. Call 518-686-7794.

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OLD DRUMS & CYMBALS: Préfer full sets from 1950's-60's.. Buying single drums or cymbals also. Paying cash, 413-774-4990

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