District 1
Certcode 0214-0

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2020 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section 219 N. Main Street, Barre, VT 05641.

We, the members of the legislative body of STAMFORD

in BENNINGTON

County

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

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aje:	Legal Trail	4.02		1.10	2.92		

* Mileage for Class I Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total. by K. Alley (VTrans)

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IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Check box and sign below. []

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

Dichael Dengulo Law Fachini

oute Filed: April 2, 2020

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

E-SIGNED by Johnathan Croft on 2020-10-08 08:21:33 EDT

DATE: October 08, 2020

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Mileage totals + adjustments * Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total. by KiAlley (VTrans

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APPROVED:

DATE:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

Vermont Statutes Annotated

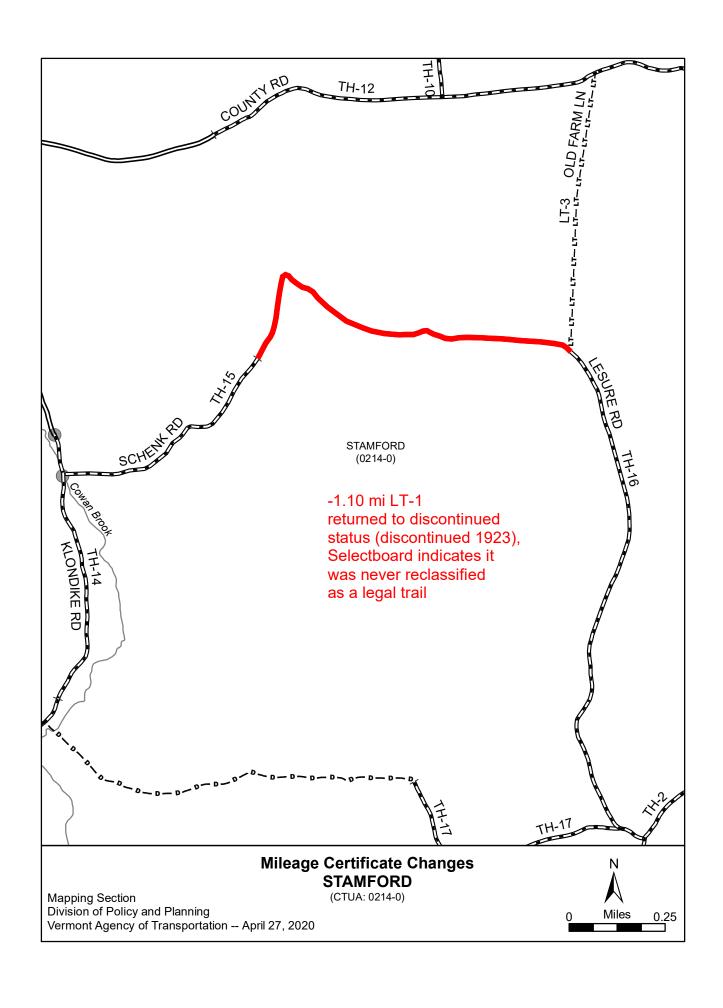
19 V.S.A. § 305. Measurement and inspection

§ 305. Measurement and inspection

- (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 – https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/19/003/00305

December 2019



Alley, Kerry

From:	Nancy Bushika <nar< th=""><th>ncybusnika@yanoo.</th><th>.com></th><th></th><th></th></nar<>	ncybusnika@yanoo.	.com>		
Sent:	Monday, October 5,	, 2020 2:08 PM			
To:	Alley, Kerry			*,	
Cc:					
	Shepard, LoriA				
Subject:	Re: Stamford certific	cate of highway mile	eage		
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Kerry Alley GIS Professiona	al III				
Vermont Agency of Transport	ration				

219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641

802-917-2621 | Kerry. Alley@vermont.gov

http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps

(NOTE: new phone number and address)

From: Nancy Bushika <nancybushika@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 7:21 AM

To: Alley, Kerry < Kerry. Alley@vermont.gov> **Subject:** Stamford certificate of highway mileage

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Hi Kerry, Last night we signed the certificate of highway mileage. However, I forgot there was another change that we did not talk about. We discontinued another road last fall. It was a small unused section of Class 3. Sorry I forgot to mention that when we spoke the other day. Hope this did not mess you up too bad. Lori will be mailing the certificate. Nancy

Alley, Kerry

From:

Alley, Kerry

Sent:

Monday, October 5, 2020 10:56 AM

To:

Town of Stamford

Subject:

RE: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

Attachments:

0214_STAMFORD_LT1.pdf

Attached:0214_STAMFORD_LT1.pdf

(Mileage Certificate Changes Map 2020)

Hello Lori,

I just returned from an unexpected 3 month leave to care for my parents, so there is a delay in returning these documents.

I've attached a map detailing the change that was on the Stamford 2020 Certificate that will also be sent with a copy of the signed Certificate. I will be scanning the Certificates tomorrow, so they should be ready by next week.

Likewise the Town Highway Map is slightly delayed... I hope to have PDF of it posted online within the next two weeks.

If you have any specific questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Kerry

From: Town of Stamford <stamfordvt@live.com>

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 10:28 AM **To:** Alley, Kerry < Kerry. Alley@vermont.gov> **Subject:** Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Hello Kerry,

I don't believe we have received the approved certificate from AOT with an updated map. I wondered if I could check on the status and if you could let me know when we might receive it.

Thank you,

Lori A. Shepard Stamford Town Clerk 986 Main Road Stamford, VT 05352 (802) 694-1361 stamfordvt@live.com

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NOTICE OF ROAD DISCONTINUANCE

ROAD	PUBLIC HEARING	DECISION DATE	DETAILS	REFERENCE
Old Main Road	9/5/2019	9/5/2019	1. approximately .03 mile from the	Selectmen's
sections			intersection of Main Road also known as	Minutes Book
			Routes 8 & 100 west to the Scott and	5/103
			Lisa Lincoln driveway (formerly the	
			Shippee/Mills driveway).	
			2. approximately .14 mile from the intersection of the Scott and Lisa Lincoln driveway (formerly the Shippee/Mills driveway) north to the intersection of the 1963 new access to Lincoln Road. This section is a portion of Section 4 as shown on plan entitled, "State of Vermont Department of Highways Proposed Improvement", Survey of Highway Project Stamford S 0102 (3) prepared in connection with the certificate of relinquishment dated September 23, 1963 and filed in the Stamford, Vermont Land Records in Book 28, Page 145.	

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TOWN OF STAMFORD SITE VISIT September 5, 2019 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Carol A. Fachini, and Daniel J. Potvin.

Christopher Warren and Michael G. Denault were not present.

David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner.
Lori A. Shepard, Administrative Assistant.
Visitors: Charles Bullett and Scott Lincoln.

The Selectboard and visitors met at 5:30 p.m. at 2581 Main Road owned by Scott and Lisa Lincoln (formerly the Shippee/Mills driveway) in Stamford, VT to view the following:

- 1. approximately .03 mile from the intersection of Main Road also known as Routes 8 & 100 west to the Scott and Lisa Lincoln driveway (formerly the Shippee/Mills driveway).
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All present viewed both of the road sections. There was no action taken.

The meeting concluded at 5:45 p.m.

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Clerk

Sbd-5/103

TOWN OF STAMFORD PUBLIC HEARING September 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Carol A. Fachini, and Daniel J. Potvin.

Christopher Warren and Michael G. Denault were not present.

David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner. Lori A. Shepard, Administrative Assistant. Visitors: Charles Bullett and Scott Lincoln.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the pledge of allegiance. She noted that the site visit was held at 5:30 p.m. this evening. Mr. Scott Lincoln has requested that the town discontinue the two sections of town road near his property at 2581 Main Road (the former Shippee/Mills property). She asked for any comments concerning the two sections of roads being considered for discontinuance.

Charles Bullett confirmed that the property would revert back to the adjacent property owners. The board agreed. He also confirmed that discontinuing the roads would not affect the telephone/power company easement.

Nancy Bushika acknowledged a letter received from the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation dated August 29, 2019. In their letter they state that it is their policy "...to encourage municipalities to keep highways as public rights-of-way for emergency, recreational, forestry, agricultural, and other purposes." But they have "reviewed the petition and have no comments."

It was noted that the two sections of road do not provide access to national forest and will serve no benefit to the town to keep them as a right-of-way. They are portions of the old Main Road and the sections immediately before and after were discontinued years ago.

MOTION by Dan Potvin to discontinue both sections of town road described as follows:

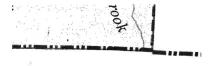
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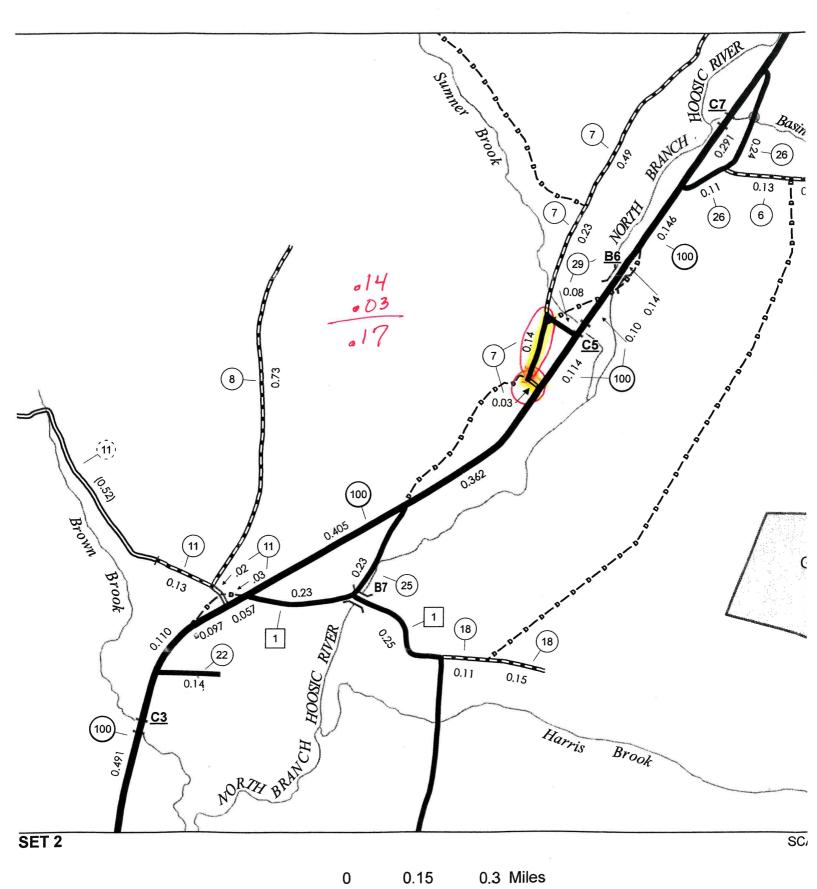
SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

The roads are hereby discontinued and the right-of-way will revert back to the land owners.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to end the public hearing. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Carol A. Fachini





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Alley, Kerry

From:

Alley, Kerry

Sent:

Monday, April 6, 2020 5:00 PM

To:

Town of Stamford

Subject:

RE: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

Thank you for the scan Lori!

Yes, please snail mail the certificate. We'll get it eventually.

I have all the documentation I need, including Nancy's letter you emailed on 3/6/2020.

Thanks again,

Kerry

Kerry Alley | GIS Professional III Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641 802-917-2621 | Kerry Alley@vermont.gov http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps (NOTE: new phone number and address)

Original Attachment(s) of message below:

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From: Town of Stamford <stamfordvt@live.com>

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:47 PM

To: Alley, Kerry < Kerry. Alley@vermont.gov>
Subject: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Hi Kerry,

Attached is the signed Certificate of Highway Mileage and supporting documentation. Please let me know if you would like the originals snail mailed to you.

Lori A. Shepard Stamford Town Clerk 986 Main Road Stamford, VT 05352 (802) 694-1361 stamfordvt@live.com

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Alley, Kerry

From: Town of Stamford <stamfordvt@live.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:17 PM

To: Alley, Kerry

Subject: RE: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

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They definitely will be meeting this Thursday and the certificate is on the agenda for discussion. Lori

From: Alley, Kerry [mailto:Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:12 PM

To: Shepard, LoriA

Subject: RE: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

Hi Lori,

If there's a chance that the Selectboard won't be meeting this week, do you think setting up electronic signatures would be an option? I would need the email addresses of everyone who would sign it to set it up for electronic signatures.

Kerry

From: Town of Stamford <stamfordvt@live.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Alley, Kerry < Kerry. Alley@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Hi Kerry

The Selectboard has not had a meeting so the certificate has not yet been signed. There is a meeting scheduled for April 2nd and I hope the Selectboard will approve and sign it then so it should be on its way soon.

Lori

Lori A. Shepard Stamford Town Clerk 986 Main Road Stamford, VT 05352 (802) 694-1361 stamfordvt@live.com

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From: Alley, Kerry [mailto:Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:04 PM

To: Shepard, LoriA

Cc: Moulton, Sara

Subject: RE: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

Hi Nancy,

I hope everything is going as smoothly as possible for you and everyone down in Stamford! I just wanted to touch base with you to find out if you were able to get the Certificate signed on the 19th as planned. It is possible that we have received it, but are currently only getting our mail picked up, scanned, and sent to us once or twice a week. If you do have the Certificate signed, do you have the ability to scan or photograph it to send me a copy to work with until I get the original? Depending on what the situation is, I might be able to suggest a way forward, and feel free to call. (Note that my number has changed again)

Kerry

Kerry Alley | GIS Professional III Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641 802-917-2621 | Kerry Alley@vermont.gov http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps (NOTE: new phone number and address)

From: Alley, Kerry

Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 11:58 AM

To: Town of Stamford < <stamfordvt@live.com >

Subject: RE: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

Hi Nancy,

Thanks for sending the letter clarifying the Selectboard's findings!

The legal trail change can be added to the discontinued section of the Certificate, even though it isn't technically a discontinuance. Below I've written out one way that it can be worded on the Certificate, if the wording seems appropriate to you.

-1.10 mi LT-1, returned to discontinued status, Selectboard indicates it was never reclassified as a legal trail

That roadway will continue to be shown on the Town Highway Map, but as a discontinued road, not a legal trail. I also updated the line to more closely follow the roadbed and historic maps.

There is no need to add anything to the certificate regarding TH-15, as that will remain as it has been in our records.

Can you email me a scan of the Certificate when you return the original to us? That will let me get a jump on processing the change.

Thanks again!

Kerry

Kerry Alley | GIS Professional III Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641 802-622-1289 | Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps (NOTE: new phone number and address)

Original Attachment(s) of message below: ---<<SKM_284e20030611110.pdf>>

From: Town of Stamford <stamfordvt@live.com>

Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 10:38 AM

To: Alley, Kerry < Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov Subject: Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Dear Ms. Alley,

Attached is a letter from the Stamford Chair indicating that the Selectboard has determined that LT #1 as shown on your map was actually discontinued in 1932 and therefore should not be shown as a legal trail. TH#15 is correctly identified on your map and 0.66 miles should remain as a Class 4 road. The Selectboard intends to file our Certificate of Highway Miles with this information.

We will be including the attached letter to the Certificate of Highway Miles at the next Selectboard meeting on March 19, 2020.

Thank you,

Nancy Bushika Selectboard Chair 986 Main Road Stamford, VT 05352 (802) 694-1483

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TOWN OF STAMFORD, VERMONT

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986 Main Road, Stamford, VT 05352 townofstamfordvermont.org Phone (802) 694-1361 Fax (802) 694-1636

March 6, 2020

State of Vermont
Mapping Section
Attn: Kerry Alley
Mileage Certificate Specialist
Agency of Transportation
219 North Main Street
Barre, VT 05641

Re: LT#1 (1.1 miles) as shown on the Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage 2020 TH#15 Schenk Road, Class IV (.66 miles) as shown on the Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage 2020

Dear Ms. Alley:

This is what the Selectboard determined at last night's Selectboard meeting:

- 1. The 1932 document clearly states what is shown on the 2007 map as LT#1 as being discontinued in 1932.
- 2. The Selectboard affirms no action was ever taken to alter the 1932 decision.
- 3. The addition of LT#1 (1.1 miles) as shown on the 2007 certificate of highway mileage was essentially an error on the part of the Selectboard.

Therefore, we request a correction on the current map and Stamford Certificate of Highway Mileage to reflect LT#1 (1.1 miles) as a discontinued road.

Also, in connection with TH#15 Class IV (.66 miles), Schenk Road:

1. After 1932, the road between TH#15, Schenk Road, and TH#16, Lesure Road, was discontinued, leaving TH#15 with .66 miles.

Agency of Transportation March 6, 2020 Page 2

- 2. According to the 1979 map, revision B as submitted by the Selectboard May 1979, "Downgrade that section of Town Road 15 from its junction with Town Road 14 from Class 3 to Class 4. In addition, downgrade that portion of Town Road 15 classified as Untraveled Road to Legal Trail".
- 3. From 1979 on, our records and your records are somewhat inconsistent. Between remeasurements, symbology changes and incomplete Selectboard minutes from that timeframe, there seems to be a lack of concrete information supporting the various changes.
- 4. I can find Selectboard minutes from July 1985 scheduling a hearing in October 1985 to reclassify this road. I am unable to find any further information about the hearing or results of the hearing.

However, since mid 1980's TH#15 has been listed as .66 miles and being a Class IV road as shown on various certificates of highway mileages and highway maps.

Therefore, the board requests that you leave TH#15 as shown and certified by Selectboards for more than 30 years and accepted by the state with .66 miles as a Class IV road.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Bushika

nancy L Bushika

Selectboard Chair

NLB/las

Alley, Kerry

From:

Alley, Kerry

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 3:00 PM

To:

nancybushika@yahoo.com

Subject:

Stamford TH-15 and LT-1

Attachments:

Mileage Certificates_Stamford_1979_OCR.pdf; Mileage Certificates_Stamford_1980

_OCR.pdf; 2007_C.pdf

Attached:MileageCertificates Stamford 1979 OCR.pdf MileageCertificates Stamford 1980 OCR.pdf 2007 C.pdf

Hi Nancy,

To make it easier to find Town Highway Maps in the future, here are two links that lead to the same maps, but via slightly different interfaces. (The second link is the one I believe you have been using the past two days.)

http://vtransmaps.vermont.gov/mapsftp

https://vtrans.vermont.gov/content/planning/maps/town-maps/highway-maps

I've attached scans of the 1979 and 1980 Certificates of Highway Mileage and the relevant documentation associated with each. I've also re-scanned the 1979 map and posted it online (replacing the lower resolution scan that was previously available):

https://maps.vtrans.vermont.gov/Maps/TownMapSeries/BENNINGTON Co/STAMFORD/STAMFORD REVISIONS 1979.ti

Based on the documentation we have, the history of TH-15 is as follows:

1932: The road between TH-15 and TH-16 was discontinued, leaving TH-15 with 0.66 mi

1964: 0.41 mi subtracted from TH-15 (Untraveled), leaving TH-15 with 0.25 mi

1976: 0.25 mi TH-15 now class 3, and 0.41 mi Untraveled now class 4 TH-15

1979: TH-15 remeasured, 0.08 mi class 3, 0.58 mi class 4 (On the 1979 map, the class 4 section is shown with the =U= symbology)

1980: The 0.08 mi class 3 portion of TH-15 reclassified to class 4, the remaining "Untraveled" portion of TH-15 reclassified as Legal Trail. Assuming the 1979 remeasurement was taken into account, that would indicate 0.08 mi class 4 TH-15 and 0.56 mi LT.

The last change to TH-15, processed with the 1980 Certificate, appears to contradict the current (2015) Town Highway Map. My general recommendation is that if documentation exists that suggests a highway is classed different than currently believed or desired, the most effective way to establish legal clarity is for the Selectboard to follow the statutory process for reclassification that will supersede previous reclassifications.

Here is what I think is the most appropriate interpretation of the 1980 Certificate documentation:

The 1980 certificate was preloaded by the Agency with the changes described in Town documentation. The 0.08 mi class 3 to class 4 reclassification seems to have been interpreted, added to the Certificate, and processed correctly. However, the Town's documentation also indicates action was taken to "downgrade that portion of Town Road 15 classified as Untravelled Road to Legal Trail." Although this action occurred after Act 63 established "Untraveled" town roads as class 4, I think it is reasonable to assume that the Town was referring to the class 4 portion of TH-15 that was symbolized with a "U" for untraveled on the 1979 Town Highway Map. This is further supported by the fact that the Town refers to the reclassification as "Revision B" which is also written on the 1979 Map. I don't think those assumptions are

invalidated by the fact that "Revision B" was intended, by the Agency, to specifically refer to the remeasurement of TH-15 processed on the 1979 Certificate.

Our 1980 record of mileage changes for Stamford shows no acknowledgement of a change involving a Legal Trail, and I think it may not have been noticed by the Agency when reviewing the documentation. I believe this change to Legal Trail was added years later, when it would have been easier to misinterpret the change, because maps from the '80s show all of TH-15 as class 4 and still clearly indicate the discontinued highway. The first clear mapping of a Legal Trail in this area is visible on the 1994 map, and it associated with the discontinued road (currently shown as LT-1) rather than as a portion of TH-15, and there haven't been any changes documented since then.

It is possible that Stamford reclassified the LT portion of TH-15 back to class 4, but no part of TH-15 was ever shown as LT on the Town Highway Map. All of TH-15 has been mapped as class 4 since 1980, so I think it is more likely that the Legal Trail reclassification was forgotten or thought to be insignificant. All of this is just speculation that might guide a search for documentation, but sometimes a reclassification is easier than conducting an exhaustive search that might or might not lead to any clarity.

I think you understood the complication associated with the Selectboard's acknowledgement of LT-1 in 2007 when we discussed it by phone yesterday, so I'll only repeat here that we would also need a clear statement explaining that the 2007 change was in error.

Please feel free to call me if you want me to explain anything I've mentioned above, and I encourage you to reach out to me when you have decided exactly what you want to include on the Certificate. It is quicker to process the certificate if I can pre-approve it before it is returned to us!

Kerry

Kerry Alley | GIS Professional III Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641 802-622-1289 | Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps (NOTE: new phone number and address)

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Stamford, Vt. June 17, 1931 - Town Proceedings #2 Book - March 1887-To the Selectmen of the Town of Stamford, Greetings.

We the undersigned free holders of the Town of Stamford respectfully petition you to discontinue either in whole or in part the following named highways in the said Town of Stamford.

1. The highway leading from the Magee Farm to the Summit Mill Road near Adolph Dolle's.

2. The county road from Emanuel Tibonis to Earl Crosier's farm.

3. The highway from Lesure Bro's to the Schink place.

4. That part of the Cowles Hill road near George R. Sumner's to the Benjamin place.

5. The Howe Mountain Road from the Main Road near the Bridge by Eburts Blacksmith Shop to the Readsboro town line.

- 6. The road from the Main Road near Alice Russell's place to the end
- of the road.
 7. That part of the Summit Mill Road from the Timothy Barber place to the County Road.

8. Either in whole or in part the Tim Larry road.

9. The portion of the Hoyt Sumner Road from Fred Tatro's place to Readsboro line.

Ernest T. Sherman D. J. Morrisey James D. Raedel A. B. Sanford

N. W. Foster M. H. Lee E. D. Bishop

Upon petition of the above named Free holders, We, the Selectmen of the Town of Stamford, Vermont by the power vested in us by the Vermont Statutes Section 4470 Acts of 1931, hereby grant a hearing to be held November 18, 1931 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Stamford Town Hall, to show cause if any against the discontinuance of the foregoing named highways in said Town of Stamford, Dated at Stamford this 16th day of November 1931.

R. J. Sanford H. M. Blood - Selectmen Albert W. Foster

We, the Selectmen of tamford, after receiving the foregoing petition. by the power given us by virtue of the Vt. Stautes No. 63 Sec. 4479 Actsof 1931 appointed a hearing at the Town Hall on the 18th day of November 1931, of which we gave notice in writing and by werbal notice also, and after the hearing we voted to discontinue in whole or in part the following named highways.

V1. The Magee Road, so called, from the Magee place to Adolph Dolle's 'place.

72. The Coles Hill road beginning on the highway above Geo. R. Sumner s extending to the Benjamin place. 13. The County road from the Tiboni place to Earl Crosier's place.

4. The road from the Lesure Bro's to the Schink place.

15. The Howe Mountain road from near the Ebert Blacksmith Shop to the Readsboro town line.

The Russell Road- from the Main Road to the all of said road near the Owen Morrisey building site.

7. The Hoyt Summer Road from Fred Tatro's old to the Readsbord

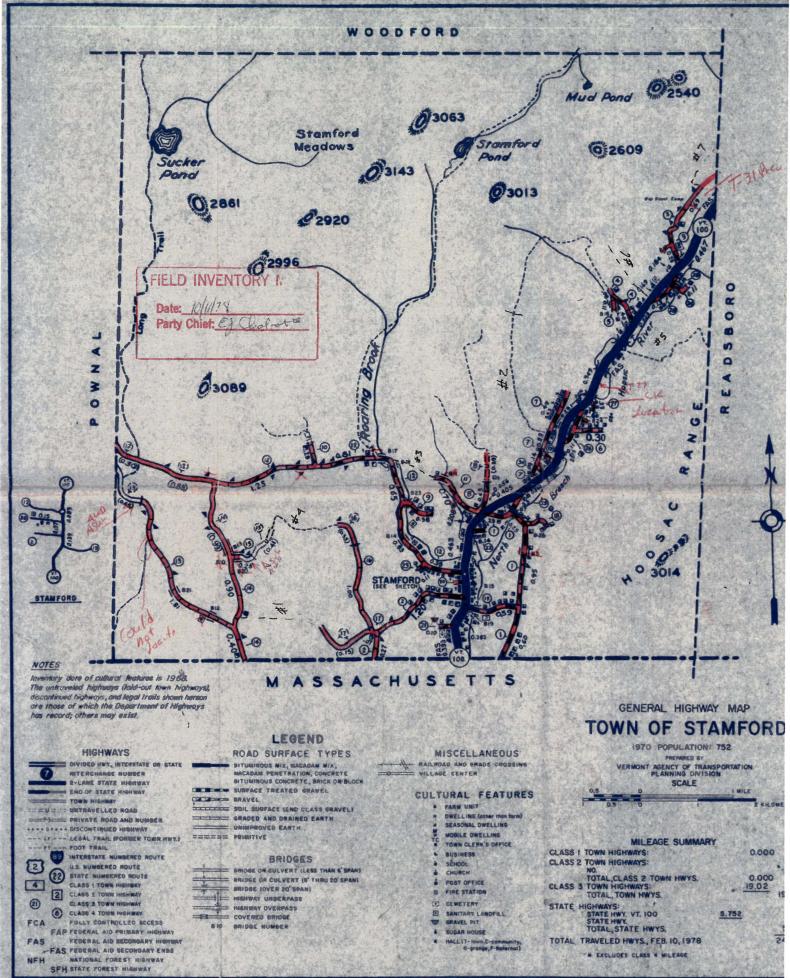
Town line.

Dated at Stamford Vt. Jan. 29, 1932. R. J. Sanford

Albert W. Foster - Selectmen

H. M. Blood

Filed for record Jar. 28, 1932 8 P.M. E. D. Bishop, Town Cl



CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE For Year Ending February 10, 1980

Fill out in quadruplicate and file with your Town Clerk on or before February 10, 1980 (Note section of Vermont Statutes Annotated on reverse side of this sheet)

	TOWN XXIVOAXXX OF STAMFORD					TOTAL TRAVELED HIGHWAYS
,		TOWN	STATE	NOT		
	CLASS I	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	HIGHWAYS	CLASS 4
PREVIOUS MILEAGE as shown February 10, 19 79		0.000	18.760	4.680	5.752	24.512
HIGHWAYS ADDED Since February 10, 19 79 according to statute. Explain under paragraph 1 below.			0.170	0.080	1	0.170
SUB-TOTAL		0.000	18.930	4.760	5.752	24.682
HIGHWAYS SUBTRACTED Since February 10, 19 79 Those becoming class 4 or discontinued. Explain under paragraphs 2 and 3			0.080	0.170 0.090	_	0.080
TOTAL TRAVELED HIGHWAYS Feb. 10, 19 80		0.000	18.850	4.500	5.752	24.602
SCENIC HIGHWAY						TOTAL SCENIC
MILEAGE Included above (Heference 19 VSA Section 1019)	()	()	()	()	()	()
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December 10, 1979

Chairman, Board of Selectmen Town of Stamford c/o Janet Gardner, Town Clerk RD #1 North Adams. Massachusetts 01247

Gentlemen:

I am herewith forwarding the Certificates of Highway Mileage for your town for the year ending February 10, 1980. The enclosed form letter explains the necessity for completing and returning the Certificate as well as the procedures to be followed in making changes in your Class 3 and Class 4 Town Highway Systems. Please read this form letter carefully before completing the Certificate.

In addition, the following mileage changes were brought to our attention during the past year:

> The changes to your Class 3 and Class 4 mileage are due to reclassification and the discontinuance of a road and are listed on the attached breakdown sheet. We have all the supporting data needed on file in this office.

For your convenience, we have entered on the enclosed Certificate of Highway Mileage all changes which were brought to our attention during the past year. We will appreciate your indicating any changes in your Class 3 or Class 4 Town Highway Systems processed in accordance with the Statutes during the past year. The enclosed form letter explains the procedures to be followed in making changes in Class 3 or Class 4 mileage.

One white and two yellow copies of the completed Certificate should be returned to this office no later than February 15, 1980. The designated representative of the State Agency of Transportation will approve the town's copy, which will then be returned to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk should retain the third yellow copy for the town's records until the approved copy has been returned.

Sincerely,

J. Nicholls Planning Engineer

RJN/CB/sla Enc.

TOWN HIGHWAY MILEAGE CHANGES ROADS TO BE RECLASSIFIED

The following Town Highways should be reclassified. A Certificate signed by the entire Board of Selectmen to this effect is on file in this office.

Town Highway Number		Miles Added	Miles Subtracted	Explanation
T 8	,	0.170	(0.170)	Reclassified
T 15		(0.080)	0.080	Reclassified
T 7		*	(<u>0.090</u>)	Discontinued
TOTALS:				
	Class 3 Class 4	+0.170 (+0.080)	-0.080 (-0.260)	8 "

Before me.

Town Clerk

The Stamford Vermont Selectmen warns the residents of the town that there will be a public hearing on April 12th 1979 at 8 P.M. in the Stamford school to discuss proposed discontinuances and reclassifications of certain roads or portions of roads within the town.

A copy of the four(4) proposed changes, describing and locating them in detail is available for inspection in the town clerks office.

30 March 1979

Reclassification and Discontinuance of Roads Location and Description

Item # 1. Discontinuance of Road Section. Town Road # 7.

In accordance with Section 343, Title 19 VSA and after examining the premises, the Board of Selectmen judge that that section of the "old Road" extending south of the access road to the Shippee-Mills residence to Route 100, to be surplus to the needs of the town and no longer serving the public good, and recommends that it be discontinued. Further, it is recommended that it revert to the abutting property owners i.e. Shippee -Mills, as authorized by Article 8, section 531, Title 19 VSA

Item # 2. Reclassification of Road Section(upgrade) Town Road # 8.

In accordance with Ch 1, Section 15, Title 19 VSA recommend reclassification of approximately 0.17 miles of Sumner Hill Road north of Patten's from class #4 to class #3. This action would result in the extension of the Class 3 portion of this road from 0.43 miles to approximately 0.60 miles.

- Item # 3. Reclassification of Road Section. (Three Options) Town Road #15.
- A. Downgrade the entire section from its junction with Klondike Road(TR 14 to its junction with with that section classified as Trail. The entire Road would then be designated "Trail" from its junction with Klondike Road to its junction with Lesure Road(TR 16).
- B. Down grade the section from Bona's camp to the untraveled portion beyond to a class four (4) road.
- C. Down grade the section from its junction with Klondike Road(TR 14) to the class four(4) section beyond as Class four(4)
- Item 4. Reclassification of Road Section.

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To reclassify that portion of a road from its junction with TR 13 to a waterbar approximately .ll miles distant. This road formerly serving a residence now destroyed, (Farren's) now serve no one. Only purpose of continued maintenence is to maintain a waterbar and prevent water damage to roadways below it. Recommend downgrading to Trail status.

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A Public Hearing was conducted on April 12 1979 at 8:00 FM in the Town Clerk's Office to discuss proposed discontinuances and reclassifications of certain roads or portions of roads within the town.

The Meeting was properly warned by an official notice in the North Adams Transcript, with written notices posted in four public places in the town and a written discription of all proposed changes posted in the Town Clerk's office. Furthur all abutters were notified by letter from the Clerk of Board, Board of Selectmen. A copy of the legal notice and the written discription of the proposed changes is attach- . ed as exhibit #1.

Frescnt at the meeting were all members of the Board of Selectmen. In addition, the following abutters and/or interested persons were in attendance. Mr R. Costine, Mr J. Newkom, Mr A. Bona, Mr J. Ahearn, and Mr D. Costine.

Item # 1. Discontinuance of Road Section. Town Road # 7. (Revision C)

That section of the "old road" extending south of the access road to the Shippee-Mills residence to Route 100, is declared to be surplus to the needs of the town and no longer serving the public good and is therefore declared discontinued. Furthur, it is recommended that it revert to the abutting property owners, i.e. Shippee-Mills as authorized by Article 8, section 531, Title 19 V.S.A.

Item # 2. Reclassification of Road Section(upgrade) Town Road # 8. (Revision A)

In accordance with Ch. 1, Section 15, Title 19 V.S.A. approximately 0.17 miles of Sumner Hill Road north of Patten's having been resurfaced and improved to meet state standards, now satisfies the requirements for a Class #3 road. It has been inspected by the District Engineer and the Town Road Commissioner & on their recommendations we declare it qualified as additional class 3 roadway.

Item #3 Reclasification of Road Section. Town Road 15.(Revision B) Downgrade that section of Town Road 15 from its junction with Town

Road 14 from Class 3 to Class 4. In addition, downgrade that portion of Town Road 15 classified as Untravelled Road to Legal Trail.

Item #4 Reclassification of Road Section(Addition E)(T32 Provisional)

Inspection of records in the District Engineers Office as well as records of the Town reveal that though there was an action initiated to make this private road a Town Road in 1968, that action was never completed and later abandoned. No furthur action is therefore desired nor anticipated regarding this addition.

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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE For Year Ending February 10, 1979

Fill out in quadruplicate and file with your Town Clerk on or before February 10, 19 79 (Note section of Vermont Statutes Annotated on reverse side of this sheet)

	s, in this town for the year ending February 10, 1979 is as follows: TOWN XWXXXXX OF STAMFORD					TOTAL TRAVELED
		TOWN HIGHWAYS			STATE	HIGHWAYS
	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	HIGHWAYS	INCLUDING CLASS 4
PREVIOUS MILEAGE as shown February 10, 1978		0.000	19.020	4.420	5.752	24.772
HIGHWAYS ADDED Since February 10, 1978 according to statute. Explain under paragraph 1 below.				0.260		
SUB-TOTAL				4.680		
HIGHWAYS SUBTRACTED Since February 10, 19 78 Those becoming class 4 or discontinued. Explain under paragraphs 2 and 3	,		0.260	, .	,	0.260
TOTAL TRAVELED HIGHWAYS Feb. 10, 1979		0.000	18.760	4.680	5.152	24,5/2
SCENIC HIGHWAY MILEAGE Included above (Reference 19 VSA Section 1019)	()	() (()	(.)	TOTAL SCENIC ROADS
3. We hereby certify that the following in the following in the following the proceedings:	ving roads have been CHANG.	reclassified since	February 10, 19 78	as substantiated by	the attached copy of	f the proceedings:
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January 8, 1979

Chairman, Board of Selectmen Town of Stamford c/o Town Clerk Bonnie Costine RFD #1 North Adams, Massachusetts 02147

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Title 19, V.S.A., Section 15, as amended, all the traveled highways in your town were measured in 1978 by Mr. Bushika, Road Commissioner and Mr. Chabot of this office.

The resulting changes in highway mileage and any changes in classification are indicated on the enclosed map and explained on the attached breakdown sheet.

I am also forwarding, herewith, the Certificate of Highway Mileage for your town for the year ending February 10, 1979. The enclosed form explains the necessity for completing and returning the Certificate as well as the procedures to be followed in making changes to your Class 3 and Class 4 Town Highway System. Please read this form letter carefully before completing the Certificate.

You will note that the Mileage Certificate Form has been changed this year from previous Certificates. The 1978 General Assembly passed a "Scenic Highway Law" which has necessitated a change in the form. Please refer to the second enclosed form letter for specific instructions relative to Scenic Highway Mileage. This section is not mandatory, but left to your discretion. By this time, you should have received additional information on this legislation from the Transportation Board. Utilizing this and the attached instructions, you should be able to complete the Scenic Highway portion of the form. If there is any confusion on this item, please contact us.

The remaining portion of the form is to be completed just as before and do not delete any mileage from this portion that you may have picked up as scenic. Your Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 mileages will remain the same whether categorized as scenic or not.

Mr. Bushika, Road Commissioner, also stated that Town Highway 32 (provisional) is an old Town Highway. See Item E on the map. Before

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Town of Stamford Page 2

we can include this road in your system, however, it will be necessary for you to submit a Certificate signed by the entire Board of Selectmen that this road has been considered and maintained as a public highway for "X" number of years.

In addition, Mr. Bushika stated that the following road should be reclassified.

Change Town Highway Map Letter +0.17 to Class 3 from Class 4 T-3 A

Proof of reclassification should be submitted with the Mileage Certificate.

For your convenience, we have entered on the enclosed Certificate, all changes which were brought to our attention during the past year. Any other changes in your Class 3 and Class 4 mileage must be entered by you and must be substantiated according to the requirements listed on the enclosed Certificate and as explained in the attached form letter.

One white and two yellow copies of the completed Certificate should be returned to this office no later than February 15, 1979. The designated representative of the State Agency of Transportation will approve the town's copy, which will then be returned to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk should retain the third yellow copy for the town's records until the approved copy has been returned.

Sincerely.

Planning Engineer

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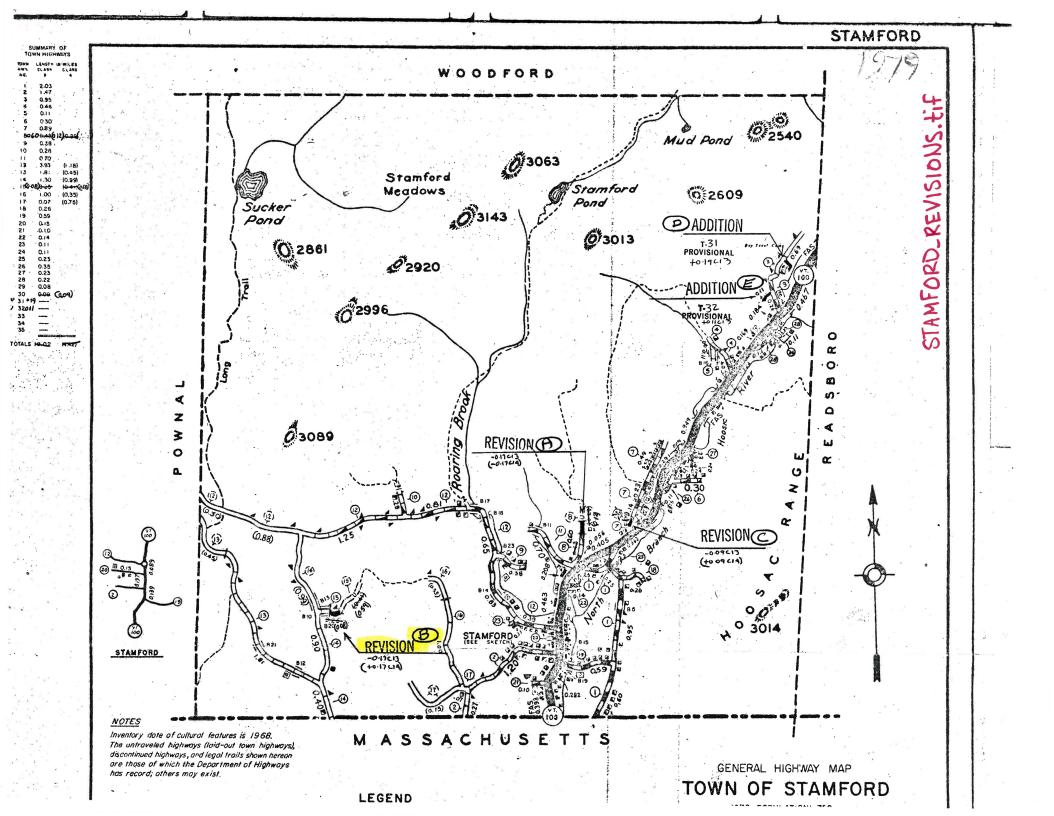
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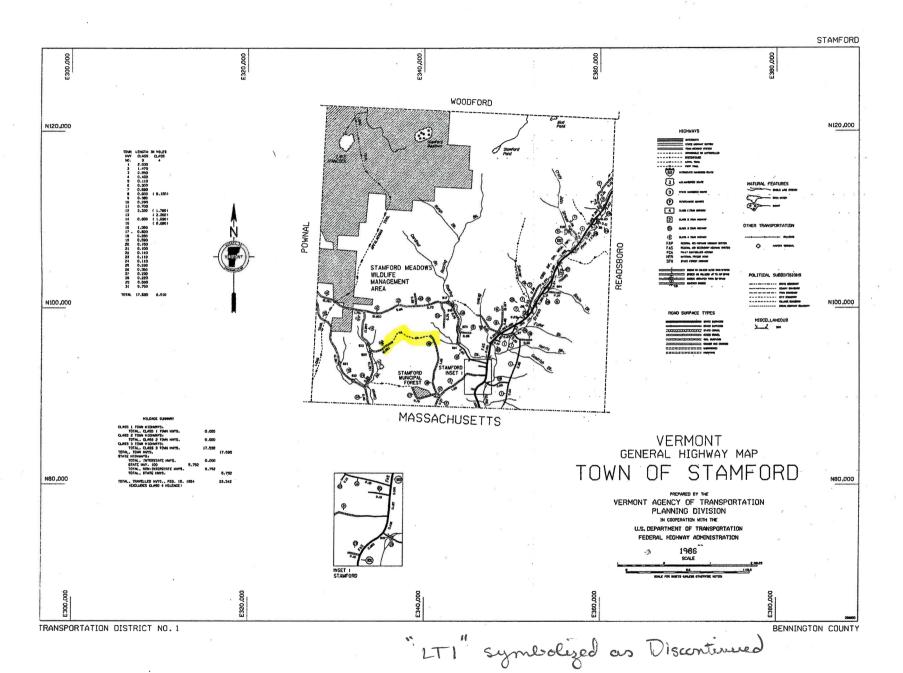
1978 TOWN HIGHWAY MILEAGE CHANGES DUE TO ACT 63 RECLASSIFICATION and/or REMEASUREMENT

Map Ident. <u>Letter</u>	Town Hwy. No.	Miles <u>Added</u>	Miles Subtracted	Explanation
В	T-15	(0.17)	0.17	Remeasurement
С	T-30	(0.09)	0.09	Remeasurement
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TOTALS:	Class 3 Class 4	(0.26)	0.26	

Breakdown of 1978 Road Measurement on Town Highways requiring copy of RIGHT-OF-WAY and CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND OPENING OF ROAD TO PUBLIC TRAVEL

Map Ident. <u>Letter</u>	Town Hwy. <u>No.</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	Explanation
D	T-31 (Prov.)	0.19	New Road
	7	TOTAL 0.19	





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