

District 1
Certcode 0203-0

**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 **DORSET** 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:

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

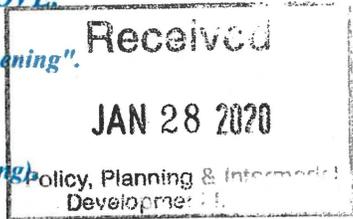
Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000				0.000
Class 2	13.850				0.000
Class 3	24.57				0.000
State Highway	13.671				0.000
Total	52.091				0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000				
* Class 4	0.55	0.05		0.60	0.000
* Legal Trail	8.04				

S.M.

* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are 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".
+0.05 mi CL4 (Read Farm Ln)



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. []

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

[Handwritten signatures: Megan Sherwin, T.T. Smith]

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

[Handwritten signature: Annie Lussman]

Date Filed:

1/22/2020

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

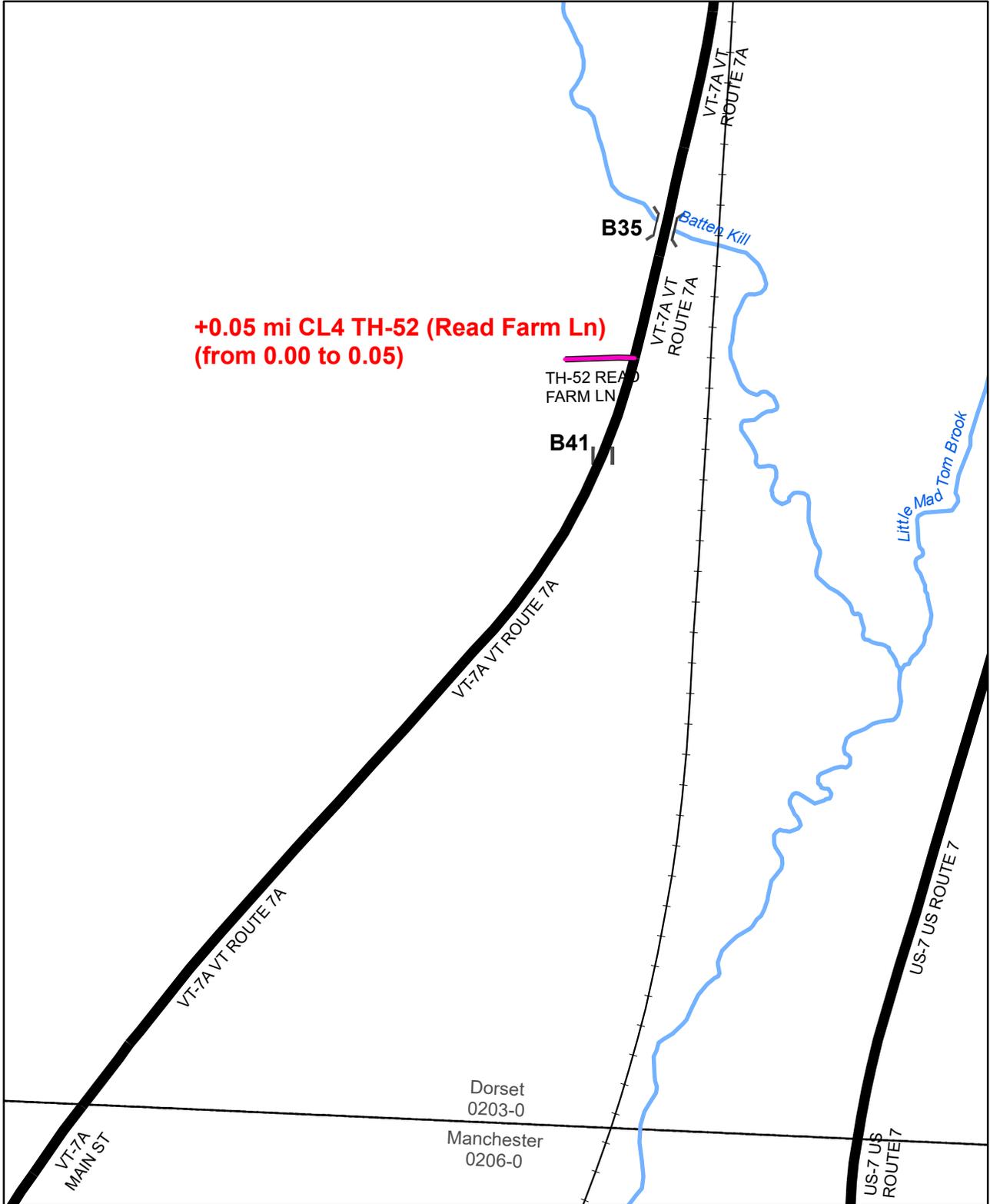
AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

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

APPROVED:

E-SIGNED by Johnathan Croft on 2020-07-09 12:58:58 EDT
Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: July 09, 2020

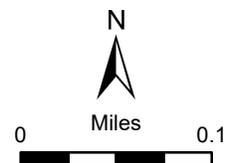


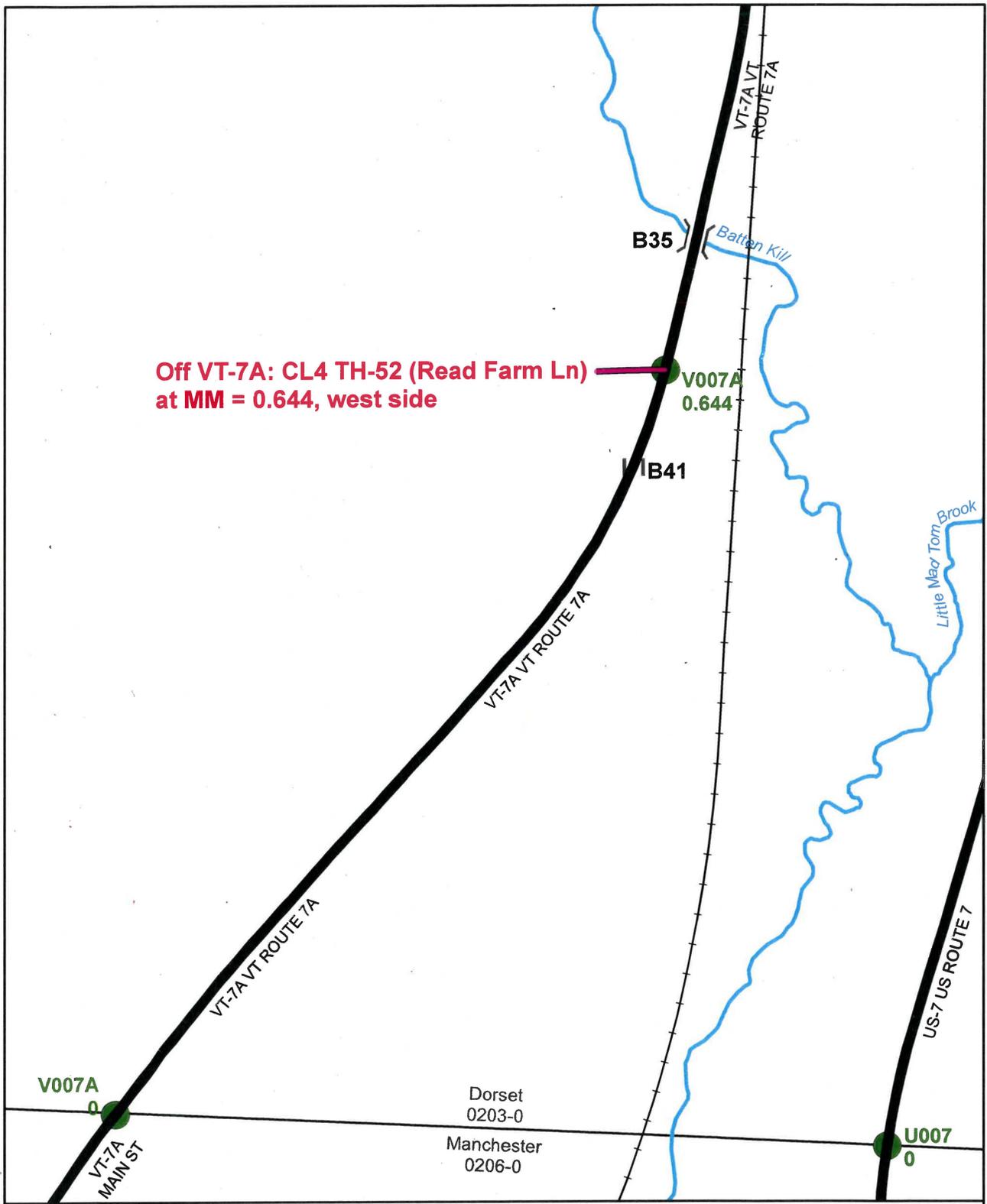
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DORSET

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Mapping Section
 Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development
 Vermont Agency of Transportation -- February 24, 2020



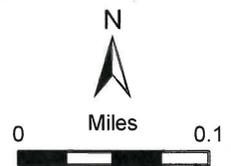


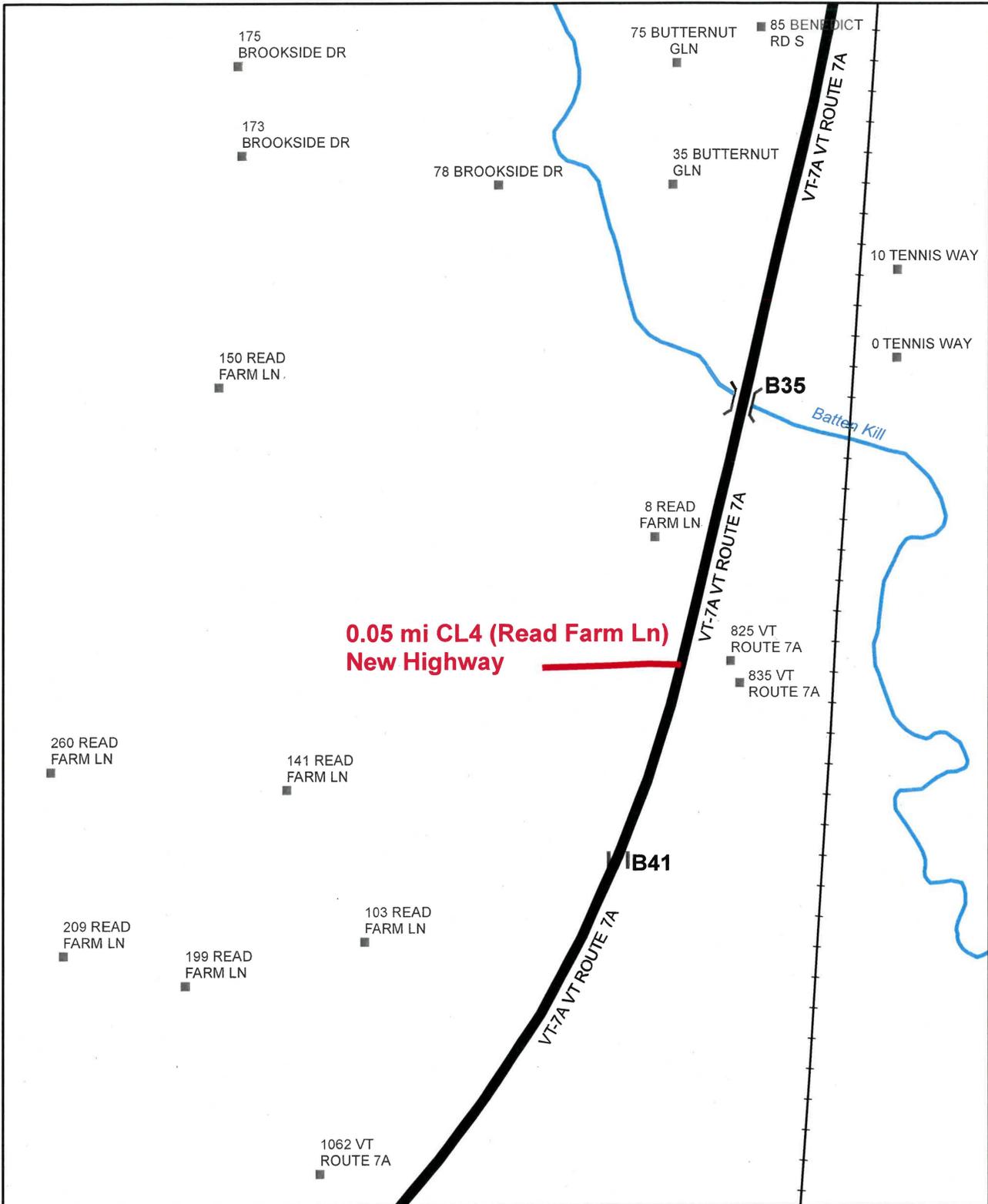
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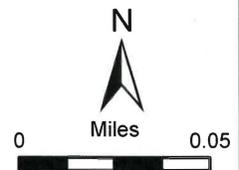


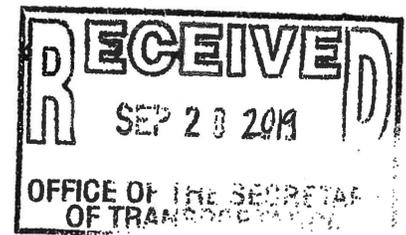


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DORSET**

(CERTCODE: 0203)

Mapping Section
Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development
Vermont Agency of Transportation -- December 31, 2019





NOTICE OF DECISION TO LAY OUT A TOWN HIGHWAY

At its August 27, 2019 meeting, the Select Board of the Town of Dorset approved a motion to initiate proceedings to lay out a town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane, an existing private road off Route 7A, appointing August 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm to examine the premises and August 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm to hold a hearing and receive testimony on this matter.

Notice of the site visit and public hearing was sent by certified mail on July 26, 2019 to: Michel Baumann, Jill Durocher, Michael & Tara Pollio, Isobel Perry Trust, Daniel Thompson, David Lorincz, United States Forest Service, Chantecleer Rest. Inc., Marlene Holcomb, Mary Adams, Rodney Calafati, Carl Nicolosi, Douglas Smith, Richard Chalmers, Rebecca Counsell, Byran McGuire, Ricard Farley, Torrie Blake, Amy Basseches, John Bosco, Vermont AOT, Bank of Bennington, Clyde Baker Construction, Community Bank N.A., Citizens Bank N.A., being persons owning or interested in lands through which the proposed town highway may pass or abut. On July 26, 2019, a copy of the notice for the site visit and hearing was given to the Dorset Planning Commission and posted at the Dorset Town Clerk's office. On August 13, 2019, a copy of the notice was published in Bennington Banner, a local newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Dorset.

At 6:00 pm on August 27, 2019, Select Board members Henry Chandler, Megan Thörn, and Jim Salsgiver held the site inspection at Read Farm Lane, the location of the proposed new town highway. They were joined by Melanie and Michel Baumann, Steve Adams, Mary Adams, Richard Farley, Margaret Chalmers, Jennifer Weinstein, and Daniel and Denise Thompson. The Select Board members walked Read Farm Lane and inspected the drainage and culvert.

At 7:00 pm on August 27, 2019 the Select Board convened the public hearing at the Dorset Town Office. Margaret Chalmers, Jennifer Weinstein, and Melanie and Michel Baumann were in attendance. Henry Chandler, Chair of the Select Board, explained the purpose of the hearing was to take testimony regarding the Select Board's proposal to layout a town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane and whether the town highway was in the public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Dorset.

Based on the site visit, and the evidence received at the August 27, 2019 hearing, the Select Board makes the following findings and decision:

1. At the Select Board meeting on April 16, 2019, residents of Brookside Drive, Butternut Glen, and Read Farm Lane gave an update about the April 15, 2019 storm event and appealed to the Select Board for assistance.
2. Flooding from the Battenkill often restricts emergency vehicle access to homes on Brookside Drive, Butternut Glen, and Read Farm Lane. There are approximately 30 homes located on these roads.
3. Flooding from the Battenkill also frequently impacts an abutting commercial property, restricting emergency access and causing property damage.
4. During the past twelve months, access to Brookside Drive has been restricted six times, and the commercial property abutting to Read Farm Lane has experienced water inside the building and property damage three times.
5. Read Farm Lane is a private road. On the lower portion of the road there is one undersized, twenty-four inch culvert. The culvert is above grade by one to two feet.

6. During flooding events, the Battenkill is restricted by the Route 7A and Vermont Railroad Bridge 76. As flood waters rise, the Battenkill flows to the pond in the low area just north of Read Farm Lane.

7. Due to the size and placement of the culvert on Read Farm Lane, flood waters are not able to reach the flood plain storage area south of Read Farm Lane. The result is that the Battenkill fills the area north of Read Farm Lane, restricting access to Brookside Drive and causing damage to the abutting property.

8. The Town of Dorset worked with Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Wetlands and Rivers officials to discuss short term solutions to alleviate flooding during smaller storm events (annual flooding size storms). The Vermont River's Program engineer has recommended that placement of larger culvert under Read Farm Lane to allow the flood waters to reach the flood storage area south of Read Farm Lane.

9. At the request of area residents and neighbors, the Town has been asked to install a new, larger culvert under Read Farm Lane. However, Read Farm Lane is presently a private road, and the Town has no authority to replace the existing culvert on Read Farm Lane or otherwise perform any maintenance or repairs on the existing culvert.

10. Under Vermont law, if a Class 4 town highway is laid out over a portion of Read Farm Lane, the Town will be able to perform the culvert replacement project. Laying out a Class 4 town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane and replacing the existing culvert will serve the public good and convenience of the inhabitants of Dorset by preventing and mitigating property damage caused by flooding and improving emergency and non-emergency access to properties during flood events.

11. With regard to necessity, the mitigation and prevention of flooding, and improvement of emergency and non-emergency access during flood events are all reasonable needs. Laying out a town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane presents the least inconvenience and expense to both the Town and the owners of Read Farm Lane. Since the culvert is under Read Farm Lane, no other property or location would be appropriate. No cultivated and agricultural land will be taken or rendered unfit for use. There will be no effect on home or homestead rights. Laying out a town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane will have no effect on scenic and recreational values or the accommodation of present and future utility installations.

12. Laying out a town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane is needed to mitigate the environmental impacts of highway construction, particularly the impact of Route 7A in restricting floodwaters and causing properties in the area to flood. Furthermore, it will have a positive effect on town grand list values and revenues by preserving an important commercial property in the Town.

13. None of the owners of Read Farm Lane, nor any of owners of property abutting Read Farm Lane have expressed objection to laying out a town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane or replacing the existing culvert.

Based on the preceding findings, the Select Board orders that a Class 4 town highway shall be laid out over Read Farm Lane from the intersection of Read Farm Lane and Vermont Route 7A in a westerly direction 250 feet. The highway right-of-way shall be 50 feet wide. The highway shall be surveyed in accordance with the provisions of 19 V.S.A. §33 and suitable monuments shall be placed to mark the bounds of the survey.

Based on the evidence received at the hearing, the Select Board also finds that persons owning or interested in lands to be taken are not entitled to any damages from this taking since the laying out of the public right

of way is over an existing private road. The benefit to the landowners of having the existing culvert replaced balances any residual damages related to the laying out.

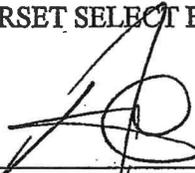
This Decision and its incorporated findings, together with a copy of the minutes of the Selectboard's August 27, 2019 hearing shall be filed with the Dorset Town Clerk for recording. A copy of this Decision shall also be mailed, via certified mail, return receipt requested, to each interested person who received written notice of the Selectboard's August 27, 2019 hearing.

Any person interested in this decision to lay out a new Class 4 town highway or who objects to the decision on compensation may appeal this decision to the Vermont Superior Court, Bennington Unit, Civil Division within 30 days of this decision, in writing. V.R.C.P. 75; 19 V.S.A. §740.

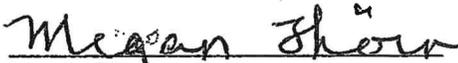
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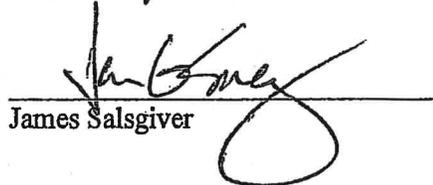
August 27, 2019

DORSET SELECT BOARD



Henry Chandler, Chair

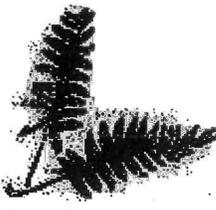

Megan Thorn


James Salsgiver

Thomas Smith


Liz Ruffa

Town of Dorset, Vermont



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East Dorset, VT 05253

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Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board August 27, 2019

Present: Henry Chandler, Chairman, Megan Thorn, Vice-Chairperson,
Liz Ruffa, Jim Salsgiver, R. Gaiotti (Town Manager)
Absent: Tom Smith
Also, present: Michele Pagan, Margaret Chalmers, Jennifer Weinstein, Jack
Stannard, Sandra Pinsonault, Melanie Baumann, Michel
Baumann, Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator)

A site visit was held at Read Farm Lane which started at 6:00 p.m.

Site Visit Attendees: Jennifer Weinstein, Margaret Chalmers, Richard Farley,
Melanie Baumann, Mary Adams, Steven Adams, Michel
Baumann, Denise Thompson, Dan Thompson

Henry Chandler, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approve Minutes of July 16, 2019

M. Thorn moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to approve the July 16, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

None

Class IV Highway Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:07 p.m. by H. Chandler noting that the Town is proposing to lay out a Town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane – an existing private road. The proposed Town highway is described as *“Beginning at the intersection of Read Farm Lane and Vermont Route 7A and proceeding over Read Farm Lane in a westerly direction approximately 250 feet.”*

R. Gaiotti explained the chain of events with regard to the flooding in the area, the studies undertaken, grant applications, and numerous consultations with State agency representatives. The SB members questioned the timeline of the culvert installation if approved tonight and R. Gaiotti replied approximately early October. H. Chandler asked if there were any public comments and there were

none. M. Thorn moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to close Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 3-0. M. Baumann expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the people involved in trying to solve the flooding issues near Brookside Drive.

M. Thorn moved and L. Ruffa seconded that it was in the public good, necessity and convenience to declare a section of roadway described as "*Beginning at the intersection of Read Farm Lane and Vermont Route 7A and proceeding over Read Farm Lane in a westerly direction approximately 250 feet*" as a Class 4 Town Highway. Motion carried 3-0.

East Dorset Historical Designation

Michele Pagan and Ruth Stewart have undertaken a project to apply to have East Dorset Village designated as a historical district. Brian Knight, an independent historic preservation researcher, has helped to outline the historic area and facilitate with the applications. M. Pagan stated that there is no cost to the Town or residents – the Dorset Historic Society has put up 50% of the cost involved to hire B. Knight and a State grant is paying the other half. Also, it was stated that this is not a design review overlay and has no extra zoning restrictions as a historic district – there are no extra restrictions on what a homeowner can do.

Sign Ordinance Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:25 p.m. by H. Chandler. T. Yandow said that the regulations themselves have not changed, but only the format so the ordinance is more complete and understandable. M. Thorn explained that there had been issues with the original document being ambiguous and new Supreme Court rulings have done away with certain restrictions. M. Thorn requested that K. Gilbert's email be added to the minutes. The question regarding short term rental signs is addressed in Section 7F and enforcement is incumbent on the owner. The other question regarding security system signs was answered saying that it was not the intent of the ordinance to regulate that type of sign. T. Yandow noted that grandfathered signs and the 180 day time frame have not been an issue. M. Thorn moved and L. Ruffa seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

M. Thorn moved and L. Ruffa seconded to adopt the *Revised Dorset Sign Ordinance Sixth Draft mark up 12.19.18* as amended with the changes:

- Page 1 ~ Section #3 – Maximum Sign Area (second paragraph): change six (6) inches to twelve (12) inches.
- Page 5 ~ Section #6(B)(1) – Projecting Sign: change three (3) feet to six (6) feet.
- Page 8 ~ Section #7(H) – change Dorset School to Taconic & Green Regional School District.
- Page 9 ~ Signatures – change Jack Stannard to James Salsgiver.

Motion carried 3-0

Board Appointments

M. Thorn moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel for the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 3-0. Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.

J. Salsgiver moved and M. Thorn seconded to appoint Natalie Quigley and Scott Durgin as members of the Planning Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

J. Salsgiver moved and M. Thorn seconded to appoint Michele Pagan as a member of the Design Review Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Mad Tom ~ Route 7 Update

The update was included in the Manager's Report and noted that MSK Engineering will be doing some survey work on the intersection for the AOT. The speed sign to the north of Route 7 is awaiting electrical hard wiring. M. Thorn asked about the truck turning radius in front of Jiffy Mart and R. Gaiotti replied that he has not gotten a response from Global (owners of Jiffy Mart). MSK Engineering is working to get proposals to the SB by November. R. Gaiotti commented that both Route 30 and Route 7 were planned for vehicles, not pedestrians and a balance is now needed for pedestrian safety.

Finance Report

R. Gaiotti reviewed his written report mentioning:

- 2019 Audit ~ Mudgett has tentatively said they would give an in-person update to the SB in October.
- Grader pricing was higher than expected and reviewing best options for borrowing money.
- Tax payments are due September 10, 2019.
- FY20 is 15% through the year.

M. Thorn moved and L. Ruffa seconded to accept the Financial Report as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

Manager's Report

- Morse Hill Road drainage work ~ part of the Clean Water Act
- DFD ~ new well on track with casing & screening – continued support
- Raptor Lane ~ environmental study is almost done and the deer yard classification shows less impact.
- VCRD events have been well attended and have been productive with good projects evolving. The next event will be September 23, 2019.
- Continued work on the Town/Chamber marketing partnership ~ website should be active by October 14th. H. Chandler thanked Lee Romano, Ben Weiss, Greg DeLuca and Cindy Loudenslager for their efforts with the partnership.

- Public meeting with MSK Engineering regarding Dorset Village pedestrian improvements. Positive feedback from attendees and the AOT has agreed to include the Green extension in their plans.
- Outdoor Recreation Director position ~ have received applications which are under consideration.
- Old DFD firehouse location near Church Street ~ research is being done to determine septic and water capabilities.

Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 8/27/19

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 8/27/19 as presented.

Other Business

- Town Plan ~ PC will have a Public Hearing in October and then the Town Plan will be passed on to the SB for November. R. Gaiotti is to email the Town Plan to the SB members. The Town Plan adoption goal is December 2019.
- R. Gaiotti reported that the trail races attracted more people than last year and another race is schedule for September.

M. Thorn moved and L. Ruffa seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.
Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano



town manager <townmanager@gmail.com>

vd: Dorset Sign Ordinance

Megan Thörn <megan.thorn@gmail.com>
Rob Gaiotti <townmanager@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 9:10 AM

Hi Rob,

This should probably be printed out and added to our minutes. I will stop by later to talk. Are you around most of the day?

Megan

Megan Thörn
megan.thorn@gmail.com
602-688-8005

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ken Gilbert <kpgilbert@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Dorset Sign Ordinance
Date: August 25, 2019 at 5:57:20 PM EDT
To: Henry Chandler <hchandler@chandler4corners.com>, Megan Thörn <megan.thorn@gmail.com>
Cc: Ken Gilbert <kpgilbert@sbcglobal.net>

Henry...
Megan...

Since I am unable to attend Tuesday's hearing (with regrets) regarding the proposed sign ordinance, I am sending this email to (hopefully) be of assistance at that session.

I write in support of the Sign Ordinance since I agree with the Purpose and Authority of it (i.e., "to be preserve and improve the existing attractive aspects of the Dorset environment..."). To that end, this work is clearly in the right direction. The level of detail in and comprehensiveness of the ordinance are very thorough.

I have two questions and a comment please, all intended to help in Tuesday's discussion.

- There has been discussion about signage at houses for short-term rent (e.g., Airbnb). It looks as though such signage is addressed in section 7F. Is that correct, or, if not, where is that covered?
- Many houses have signs indicating they are protected by a security system (e.g., a yard sign or sign on a tree). It looks as though these signs are addressed in section 7B. Or they might be non-conforming. Is that correct, or if not, where are these signs covered? It looks as though the ordinance will not impact such existing signage, which should be reassuring to residents.
- While I agree that existing signs should be grandfathered as you are doing in section 10, compared with the other time limits in the ordinance, the 180 days seems to be a long time to maintain such a sign if the location's use is abandoned or discontinued. Perhaps there is another law or regulation requiring this number, but if not, I would suggest a shorter period. Additionally, while it would be assumed that such a sign must come down after the 180 period, per this section, that requirement is not explicitly stated. For avoidance of doubt down the road, I would suggest stating what action takes place after this period.

I hope Tuesday's discussion goes well. My thanks for the work of the Selectboard on this issue.

Best, Ken

Alley, Kerry

From: Croft, Johnathan
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 11:40 AM
To: Moulton, Sara; Alley, Kerry
Subject: FW: Letter from Town of Dorset
Attachments: Dorset Town Letter re Read Farm Lane Reclassification.pdf

Good morning Sara and Kerry,

Here is a laying out of a class 4 town highway in Dorset for the purposes of fixing a culvert. I will review this, but if you want to put this on the pending list for the 2020 certs, that would be great.

Thanks,

Johnathan

Johnathan Croft | Mapping Section Chief
Vermont Agency of Transportation
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802-622-1288 | johnathan.croft@vermont.gov
Please note the change in phone number.



From: Maguire, Jo Ann <JoAnn.Maguire@vermont.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Welts, Leslie <Leslie.Welts@vermont.gov>; Croft, Johnathan <Johnathan.Croft@vermont.gov>
Subject: Letter from Town of Dorset

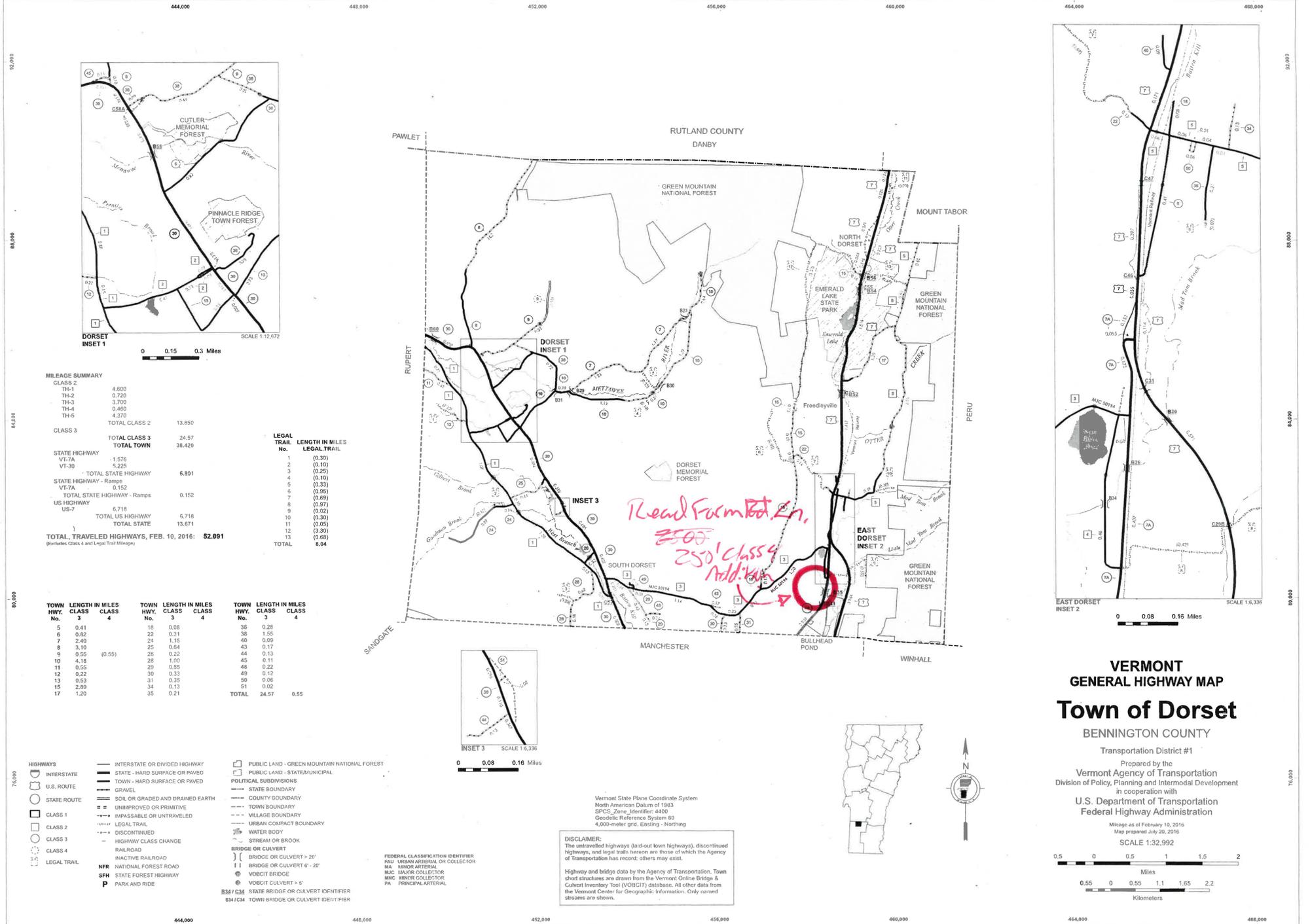
Good morning, Leslie and Johnathan,

Attached is a letter from the Town of Dorset regarding reclassifying Read Farm Lane.

Thanks,

Jo

Jo Maguire
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Agency of Transportation
219 North Main Street, Suite 101
Barre, VT 05641
802-505-6757
joann.maguire@vermont.gov



MILEAGE SUMMARY

CLASS	LENGTH IN MILES	LEGAL TRAIL No.	LENGTH IN MILES LEGAL TRAIL
CLASS 2	4.600		
TH-1	0.720	1	(0.30)
TH-2	3.700	2	(0.10)
TH-3	0.400	3	(0.25)
TH-4	4.370	4	(0.10)
TH-5		5	(0.33)
TOTAL CLASS 2	13.850	6	(0.85)
CLASS 3	24.57	7	(0.69)
TOTAL CLASS 3	24.57	8	(0.97)
STATE HIGHWAY		9	(0.22)
VT-7A	1.576	10	(0.30)
VT-30	5.225	11	(0.05)
TOTAL STATE HIGHWAY	6.801	12	(3.30)
STATE HIGHWAY - Ramps	0.152	13	(0.68)
VT-7A	0.152	14	
TOTAL STATE HIGHWAY - Ramps	0.152	15	
US HIGHWAY	6.718	16	
US-7	6.718	17	
TOTAL US HIGHWAY	6.718		
TOTAL STATE	13.671		
TOTAL TRAVELED HIGHWAYS, FEB. 10, 2016:	52.091	TOTAL	8.84

TOWN HWY. No.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 3	TOWN HWY. No.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 4	TOWN HWY. No.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 3	TOWN HWY. No.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 4
5	0.41	16	0.08	36	0.28		
6	0.52	22	0.31	38	1.55		
7	2.40	24	1.15	40	0.09		
8	3.10	25	0.64	43	0.17		
9	0.55 (0.55)	26	0.22	44	0.13		
10	4.18	28	1.00	45	0.11		
11	0.55	29	0.55	46	0.22		
12	0.22	30	0.33	49	0.12		
13	0.53	31	0.35	50	0.06		
15	2.89	34	0.13	51	0.02		
17	1.20	35	0.21	TOTAL	24.57	0.55	

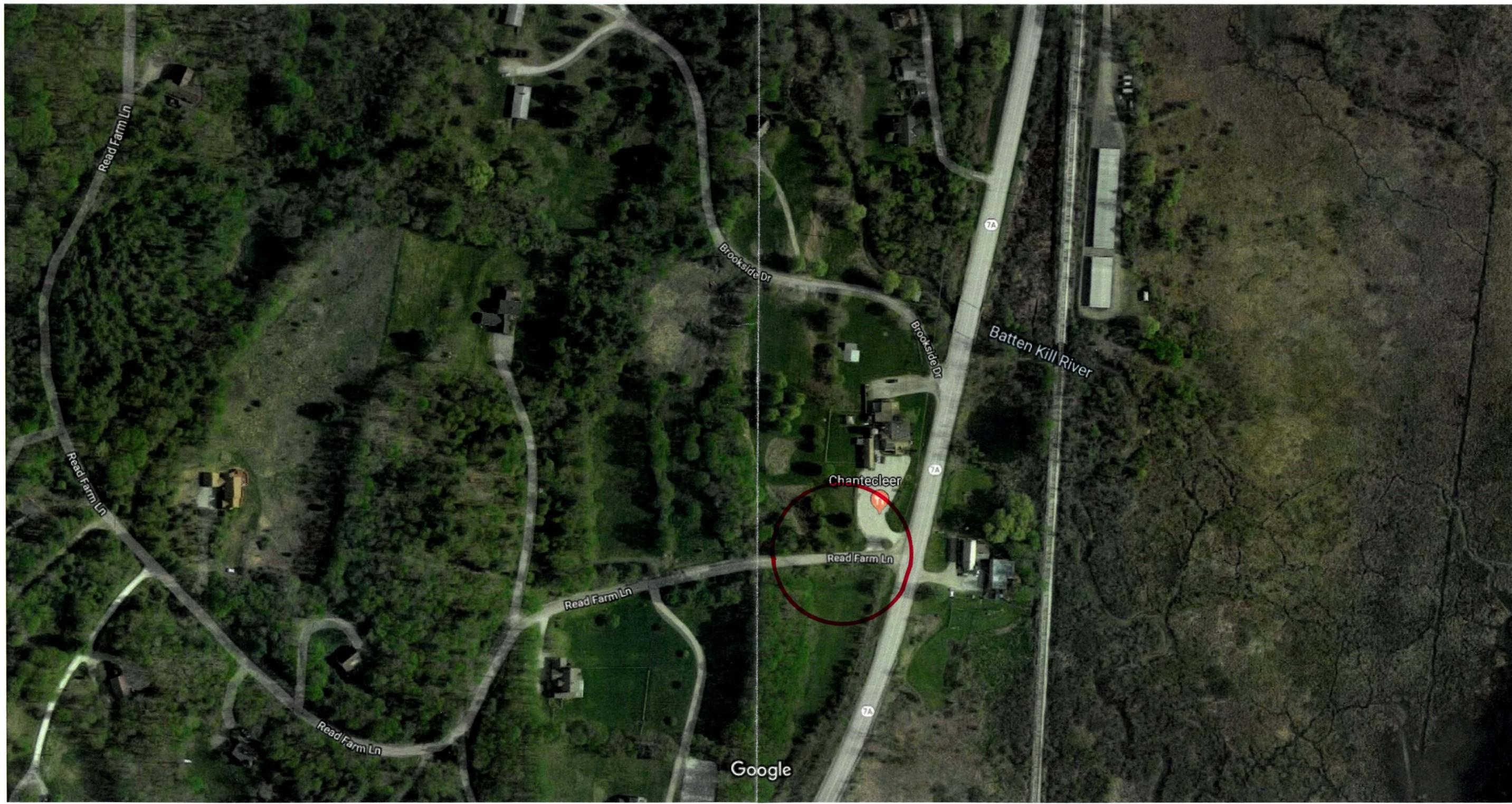
- HIGHWAYS**
 - INTERSTATE OR DIVIDED HIGHWAY
 - STATE - HARD SURFACE OR PAVED
 - TOWN - HARD SURFACE OR PAVED
 - SOIL OR GRADED AND DRAINED EARTH
 - UNIMPROVED OR PRIMITIVE
 - IMPASSIBLE OR UNTRAVELED
 - LEGAL TRAIL
 - DISCONTINUED
 - HIGHWAY CLASS CHANGE
 - RAILROAD
 - INACTIVE RAILROAD
 - NFR NATIONAL FOREST ROAD
 - SFH STATE FOREST HIGHWAY
 - PARK AND RIDE
- PUBLIC LAND - GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST**
- PUBLIC LAND - STATE/MUNICIPAL**
- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**
 - STATE BOUNDARY
 - COUNTY BOUNDARY
 - TOWN BOUNDARY
 - VILLAGE BOUNDARY
 - URBAN COMPACT BOUNDARY
 - WATER BODY
 - STREAM OR BROOK
 - BRIDGE OR CULVERT
 - BRIDGE OR CULVERT > 20'
 - BRIDGE OR CULVERT 6' - 20'
 - VOBCIT BRIDGE
 - VOBCIT CULVERT > 5'
 - STATE BRIDGE OR CULVERT IDENTIFIER
 - TOWN BRIDGE OR CULVERT IDENTIFIER
- FEDERAL CLASSIFICATION IDENTIFIER**
 - FAU URBAN ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR
 - MA MINOR ARTERIAL
 - MC MAJOR COLLECTOR
 - MIC MINOR COLLECTOR
 - PA PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL

DISCLAIMER:
 The untraveled highways (list-out town highways), discontinued highways, and legal trails herein are those of which the Agency of Transportation has record; others may exist.
 Highway and bridge data by the Agency of Transportation. Town sheet structures are drawn from the Vermont Online Bridge & Culvert Inventory Tool (VOBCIT) database. All other data from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information. Only named streams are shown.

VERMONT
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
Town of Dorset
 BENNINGTON COUNTY
 Transportation District #1
 Prepared by the
Vermont Agency of Transportation
 Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development
 in cooperation with
U.S. Department of Transportation
 Federal Highway Administration
 Map prepared as of February 10, 2016
 Map prepared July 20, 2016
 SCALE 1:32,992
 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles
 0.65 0 0.65 1.1 1.65 2.2 Kilometers

*Read Farm Lane
250' Addition of Class 4*

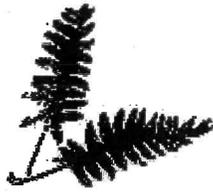
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Town of Dorset, Vermont



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July 25, 2019

Dear Read Farm Lane Area Property Owners:

As you may be aware the Town of Dorset has been working with the owners of the Chantecleer Restaurant and the residents of Brookside Drive in an effort to improve seasonal flooding impacts to the general area.

The Town has applied for a FEMA hazard mitigation grant to review hydraulics of the area and determine long term solutions to the problems. Brookside Drive has had limited access on over 6 occasions, and Chantecleer has had water inside the building on 3 occasions in the past year.

In the short term the Town of Dorset has agreed to partner in an effort to replace the existing culvert under Read Farm Lane. A larger and re-aligned culvert will allow more adequate water flow when the Battenkill hits flood stage. Our hope is that this effort will assist in lowering the impacts of smaller flooding events.

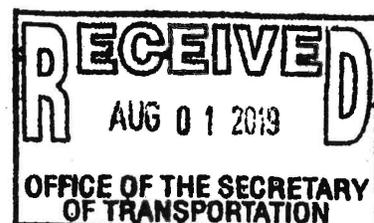
In order for the Town to accomplish this effort, Town Counsel has recommended that a small portion of Read Farm Lane be classified as a Class IV town highway. This will afford the Town will the legal protections and ability to perform the culvert work. It should be noted that as a Class IV highway the Town would maintain the new culvert(s). Regular summer and winter maintenance would not be changed from the current private contractual agreements.

While this may seem like an awful lot of effort to go through to upgrade a culvert, the Town understands the flooding impacts to Read Farm Lane, the Chantecleer Restaurant, and Brookside Drive and is committed to help make the situation better for our community.

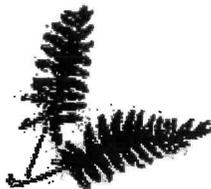
Included in this mailing is the formal notice for the laying out of the Class IV highway. Should you have questions or concerns feel free to contact us at 362-4571 x 3 or townmanager@gmail.com

Secretary,


Rob Gaiotti
Dorset Town Manager



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Posted: July 25, 2019
Mailed: July 25, 2019

NOTICE OF HEARING RE: LAYING OUT A TOWN HIGHWAY IN DORSET, VERMONT

Pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. §709, the Selectboard of the Town of Dorset hereby gives notice to the persons named below, as owners or persons interested in lands and rights that may be affected by a decision of said Selectboard to lay out a town highway over a portion of Read Farm Lane, an existing private road in the Town of Dorset.

The proposed town highway is described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Read Farm Lane and Vermont Route 7A and proceeding over Read Farm Lane in a westerly direction approximately 250 feet.

The Selectboard will meet at the Chantecleer Restaurant parking lot, at the intersection of Read Farm Lane and Vermont Route 7A, on August 27, 2019, at 6:00 pm. to conduct a site inspection of the road. The Selectboard will then meet at the Dorset Town Office at 112 Mad Tom Road at 7:00 pm on the same date to conduct a hearing on the question of laying out the highway. The Selectboard will hear claims for damages, if any, at the same hearing.

As required by law, notice of this site inspection and hearing is being provided by certified mail to each of the persons owning or interested in lands through which the road passes, listed below, as well as the Dorset Planning Commission. A copy is to be posted in the office of the Town Clerk and published in the Manchester Journal, a local newspaper of general circulation in the area not less than ten days before the time set for the hearing. Information relating to the proposed town highway is available for public inspection and copying in the Dorset Town Office during regular business hours.

If after examination of the premises and hearing any and all interested persons, the Selectboard judges that the public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Dorset require that said highway be laid out, it will be so ordered, and the Selectboard will cause the highway to be surveyed in accordance with the provisions of 19 V.S.A. §33.

Dated at Dorset, Vermont this 25th day of July 2019

Dorset Selectboard:

Henry Chandler, Chair; Megan Thörn, Vice Chair;
Jim Salsgiver; Tom Smith; Liz Ruffa

Attest: A True Record


Town Clerk, Town of Dorset

The following persons and parties are hereby notified of the public hearing, viz:

Abutting/Interested Parties
Tax Map #

Chanteclair Rest. Inc
PO Box 718
East Dorset, VT 05253
11-00-069.00

Rebecca Counsell
141 Read Farm Lane
East Dorset, VT 05253
15-00-068.00

Michel Bauman
PO Box 12
East Dorset, VT 05253
11-00-070.10 & 11-00-70.20

Marlene Holcomb
PO Box 1465
Manchester Center, VT 05255
11-00-071.00

Bryan McGuire
59 Blackmount Ct
Fairfield, CT 06825
15-00-034.00

Jill Durocher
209 Read Farm Lane
Manchester Center, VT 05255
15-00-033.00

Mary Adams
PO Box 63
Manchester, VT 05254
15-00-069.00

Richard Farley
PO Box 29
East Dorset, VT 05253
15-00-032.00

Michael & Tara Pollio
329 Read Farm Lane
Manchester Center, VT 05255
15-00-031.00

Rodney Calafati
66 Brookside Drive
Sparta, NJ 07871
11-00-030.00

Torrie Blake
619 US Route 7
Pittsford, VT 05763
11-00-079.00

Isobel Perry Trust
7 Kirby Lane North
Rye, NY 10580
11-00-080.00

Carl Nicolosi
11 Old Farm Road
Morganville, NJ 07751
11-00-075.00

Amy Basseches
62 Bay Street
Quincy, MA 02171
11-00-059.00

Daniel Thompson
610 Read Farm Lane
Manchester Center, VT 05255
11-00-060.00

Douglas Smith
36 Old Johnson Lane
Middletown, CT 06457
11-00-074.00

John Bosco
140 Sunnyside Road
Harrison, NY 10528
11-00-076.00

David Lorincz
PO Box 701
Edison, NJ 08818
11-00-077.00

Richard Chalmers
PO Box 25
East Dorset, VT 05253
11-00-078.00

Agency of Transportation
C/o Joe Flynn AOT Sect.
1 National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05633

United States Forest Service
2538 Depot Street
Manchester Center, VT 05255
15-00-037.00

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Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board July 16, 2019

Present: Megan Thorn (Vice-Chairperson), Tom Smith, Liz Ruffa, Jim Salsgiver, R. Gaiotti (Town Manager), Henry Chandler (Chairman – arrival at 8:05 p.m.)

Absent:
Also, present:

Megan Thorn, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes of June 18, 2019

J. Salsgiver moved and T. Smith seconded to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment

None

Board Appointment Interview(s)

Scott Durgin introduced himself saying that he is originally from New Hampshire and specialized in emergency medicine. He has moved to Dorset with his wife and three children joining other family members in the area. S. Durgin explained his work history transitioning from emergency medicine to lifestyle medicine and expressed that he has strength in learning, is level-headed with common sense and knows how to listen. It was stated that Dorset is a special place and he wants an opportunity to volunteer in the community along with having a voice in health and wellness for the area.

M. Thorn noted that a decision would be made after review of the PC minutes and with a full SB Board to vote.

Brookside Drive ~ Route 7A Update

R. Gaiotti reported that the Town Attorney has recommended that a Class 4 road is superior to choosing a trail designation for Brookside Drive. The culvert to be installed would not handle full time water flow, but just manage storm events. R. Gaiotti explained the process of notification, warning notice and site visit in

order to accomplish the conversion. There would be no change in the existing road maintenance managed by the homeowners and the Town would only keep the culvert clear so that water can pass through.

It was the consensus of the SB members to re-schedule the regular Select Board meeting to August 27th at 7:00 p.m. to include a Public Hearing for Brookside Drive. A site visit at Brookside Drive will precede the SB meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment (re-opened)

Alyce Escher quoted the Department of Tax's web page for Lister and Assessor FAQ's regarding consent for real estate inspection. She was very distressed about not receiving a phone call scheduling an assessor inspection at her house and emphasized that permission must be obtained for any inspection at her house. A. Escher also reported a dangerous pothole near her house.

Raptor Lane Update

The June 26, 2019 Raptor Committee minutes were included in the SB packet which outlined G. Kepler's review of the permitting and engineering materials inherited at the time of the sale of the property. G. Kepler suggested that the Town move forward with having an environmental constraint review done before choosing projects to pursue. L. Ruffa commented that it behooves the Town to move forward with the review as it sets future projects up for success because the Town has shown its due diligence. The estimated cost for Task 1 ~ Natural Resources Assessment (including sub-tasks 1-4) is \$32,500. Discussion ensued regarding: VHB and G. Kepler roles in the process, delineation of wetlands, streams & constraints before any necessary Act 250 permitting, and limited vendors who are capable of this job. The review would have to be done between June and October as it cannot be done when it is icy or snowy. The Board conversed about ways to limit the spending and R. Gaiotti noted that this is a "not to exceed" estimate.

M. Thorn requested that the members table a vote until H. Chandler arrives.

Mad Tom ~ Route 7 Update

Meeting with railroad officials who reiterated their position/requirements regarding changes near the railroad crossing which also included striping changes ~ so the Town will not pursue any work within their right-of-way. MSK will re-draft the plan after reviewing feedback, including abutting neighbor input. Topics discussed included: truck access to businesses, impacts to area and cost estimates. T. Smith requested that a list of the remaining steps be generated for the next meeting as it was important to keep the proposal moving forward.

Raptor Lane & Brookside Drive (continued)

The previous conversation about Raptor Lane was explained to H. Chandler so that he could be part of the decision. H. Chandler moved and T. Smith seconded to pursue Task 1 ~ Natural Resources Assessment as outlined in G. Kepler's letter dated July 10, 2019 (Draft for Client Review) for a cost not to exceed \$32,500 and to authorize R. Gaiotti to sign the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

Sign Ordinance Review

H. Chandler noted that the draft sign ordinance is a clear and well-articulated document. The Board agreed to four changes:

- Page 1 ~ Section #3 – Maximum Sign Area (second paragraph): change six (6) inches to twelve (12) inches.
- Page 5 ~ Section #6(B)(1) – Projecting Sign: change three (3) feet to six (6) feet.
- Page 8 ~ Section #7(H) – change Dorset School to Taconic & Green Regional School District.
- Page 9 ~ Signatures – change Jack Stannard to James Salsgiver

H. Chandler moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to warn a Public Hearing for the Sign Ordinance as amended above for the next Select Board meeting to be held on August 27, 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

Set 2019-2020 Municipal Tax Rate

T. Smith asked about the Fire Districts' budgets and if it was possible to reduce redundancies and costs between departments by fostering discussions.

H. Chandler moved and T. Smith seconded to set the municipal tax rate at \$0.30. Motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report

R. Gaiotti reviewed the finance report which covered: delinquent taxes, FY19 expenses/budget, FEMA expenses and audit to start last week in July. H. Chandler moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager's Report

The Manager's report included information on:

- Paving for road shoulders & driveways
- VCRD event ~ Dorset Tomorrow ~ to be held on July 24th starting at 5:00 p.m. with two sessions followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. and two more sessions.
- Chamber/Town marketing – meeting to be held July 17th at 9:00 a.m.
- Sheriff patrols at the Quarry during the July 4th weekend.
- T. Smith stated that traffic (car & pedestrian) during the Farmer's Market on Route 30 on Sundays was challenging and traffic control measures

should be considered by HN Williams.

- Job description for recreation employee is complete
- VYCC has finished two weeks out of the four weeks allotted to the Town trails.

Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 7/16/19

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 7/16/19 as presented.

Other Business

1. L. Ruffa reported that D. McDonough has given BBA permission to use marble blocks from the Dorset Quarry. It was L. Ruffa's hope that the school would have a plaque listing the historical locations for the marble, slate and timber being used to build the new structure.
2. T. Smith recommended that the Town invest in audio/visual equipment for the conference room for use during Board meetings. This would allow the audience to see the documents, maps and plans that the Board is reviewing.

H. Chandler moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Select Board

Date 7/16/19

Regular Meeting X
Special Meeting _____

(Please Print)

Name	Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Scott Dugin	1380 Dorset West Rd.	Scott Dugin	
Jack Stannard	Box 23 Dorset	Myself	P
Alyse Deche	373 Dorset Hollow	Self	?