District ¹ Certcode 0214-0

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Received 2/19/2025

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, 2024 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.

We, the members of the legislative body of STAMFORD

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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. Subtracted Scenic Town Previous Added Highways Mileage Mileage Total Highways 0.000 0.000 Class 1 0.000 3.500 Class 2 0.000 14.02 Class 3 0.000 5.752 State Highway 0.000 23.272 Total XMH 0.000 Class 1 Lane 0.000 6.91 Class 4 0.3 6.61 2.92 * Legal Trail 3.22 0.3 * 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".

2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting). \$.\$\$ thi \$\delta\frac{1}{1}+12/(\$\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta\delta

0.30mile Class 4 TH-12 (County Road) reclassified to LT-5 (Legal Trail #5)

4. SCENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES RECORDED THIS YEAR: Place an X in the box and sign below.

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.
Signatures of Selectmen/Aldermen/Trustees:

Signature of Selectmen/Aldermen/Trustees:

Signature of T/C/V Clerk:

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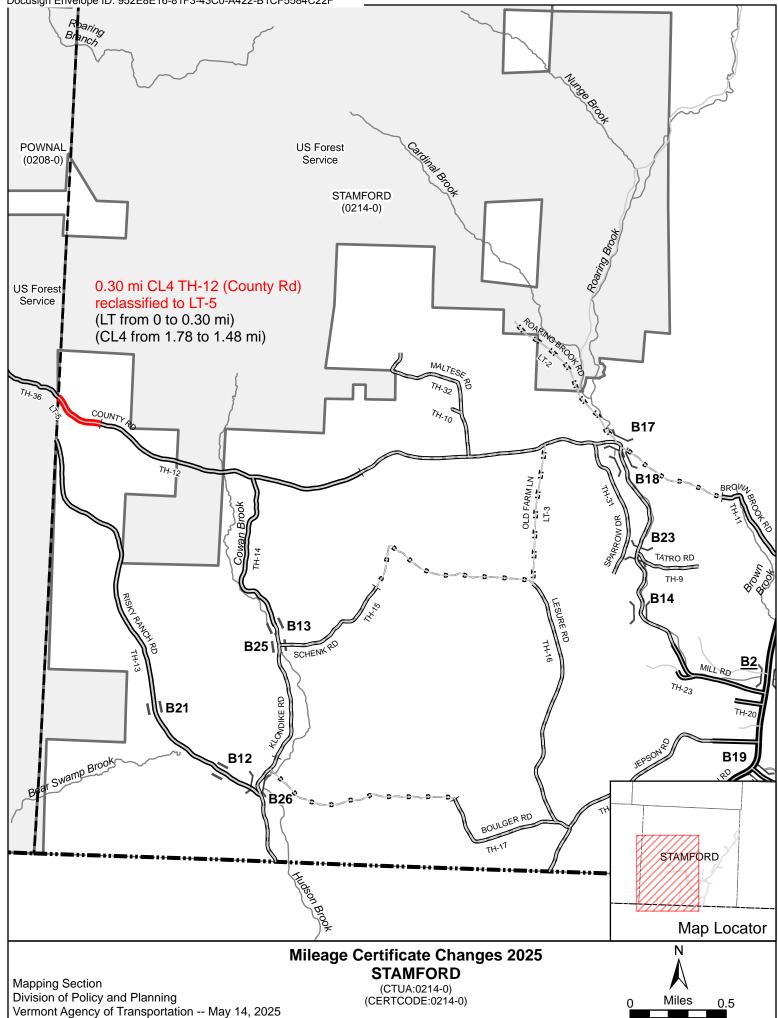
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TOWN OF STAMFORD SITE VISIT August 1, 2024 4:45 p.m.

PRESENT:

ENT: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Michael G. Denault and John Dunn. Kurt Gamari and Doug Wright were not present. Lori A. Shepard, Administrative Assistant.

Visitors:

Debra Burchard, Martina Barnes from the Green Mountain National Forest, Marta Miller, and Thomas Nazzewski.

The Selectboard and visitors met at 4:45 p.m. at The Stamford Town Office and then travelled up County Road in Stamford, Vermont to view the following:

the approximate 0.3 mile of County Road beginning at the intersection of the Green Mountain National Forest Trail no. 301 (Sucker Pond Trail) and County Road, continuing along County Road westerly to the Pownal, Vermont town line.

All present viewed the section of road under consideration. There was no action taken.

The meeting concluded at 5:10 p.m.

Mancy L Bushika

Clerk pro tempore

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TOWN OF STAMFORD PUBLIC HEARING August 1, 2024 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Michael G. Denault, Kurt Gamari and John Dunn.

Doug Wright was not present.

Visitors: Debra Burchard, Martina Barnes from the Green Mountain National Forest, Laura Champagne, Marta Miller, Thomas Nazzewski, and Sheila Pecor. Lori A. Shepard, Administrative Assistant.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and opened with the pledge of allegiance. She noted that the site visit was held at 4:45 p.m. earlier this evening. The Selectboard is considering whether it is in the best interests of the town to declassify a portion of County Road from Class 4 status to a legal trail. The portion of County Road under consideration is the approximate 0.3 mile section beginning at the intersection of the National Forest Trail no. 301 (Sucker Pond Trail) and County Road, to the Pownal, Vermont town line.

Mike Denault does not feel it is a good idea. Martina Barnes states that the National Forest's interpretation of the law is that although the Selectboard has full authority over roads, they do not have the same authority over the use of trails. She recommended that the town should seek legal counsel for advice on the matter. Changing the status of this section of County Road to a legal trail would relieve the town of any liability for maintenance and upkeep of the road, while still retaining the town's right-of-way. Mike Denault does not want to lose any of the board's authority over the use of the road once it becomes a trail. The road is very rocky with high embankments on each side and has not been maintained, even minimally, in years. Martina Barnes said the Sucker Pond Trail is in need of work and they also need to have the

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Town of Bennington agree to allow public use of the trail on their side before it can become a connector trail. Mike Denault confirmed, if they keep it classified as a road, it could still become a connector trail for ATVs since the board has granted permission to ride ATVs on all Class 4 roads. Non-VASA vehicles such as jeeps and dirt bikes could also use the road if it is left as is.

The board thought they would wait to discuss the matter with Dave Tatro, the Road Commissioner, and agreed to take no action at this time.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn the public hearing. SECONDED by John Dunn. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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TOWN OF STAMFORD SELECTBOARD MEETING September 5, 2024

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Michael G. Denault, Kurt Gamari, Douglas Wright, and John Dunn.

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Visitors: Debra Burchard, Laura Champagne, Jedidiah Gramlin, Lisa Gramlin, Patrick Kennedy, William Levine, Marta Miller, Thomas Nazzewski, Debra Righi, and James Righi. David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner. Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed everyone, and read a statement with procedural rules for the meeting. Additional correspondence was added to the agenda.

HEARING OF VISITORS

1. Patrick Kennedy started a recycling company in Adams, MA called Dream Green Recycling in the Berkshires. He handles the tough to recycling items and is willing to pick up appliances from residences. He specializes in mattresses and tires. He is a certified recycling center so he does not anticipate any problems working in Vermont. His prices are cheaper than other disposal prices in the area. He will post his pricing flyer around town and at the transfer station. 2. Deb Burchard stated that there is a tremendous amount of activity on Mill Road and County Road. The power company is updating its infrastructure and she is frustrated that the town was not notified. She asked what the town and specifically the Selectboard was going to do to fix the road. Dave Tatro felt that truckers pay a road use tax and a fuel tax which the state puts toward its highway state aid the town receives. Dave Tatro intends to grade the roads when he can but it has been too dry. Discussion ensued regarding the town roads and future development of the town. Dave Tatro said there is enough traffic on Mill Road to warrant paving it. Mill Road, County Road and Jepson Road would all benefit from paving. Paving would reduce the road maintenance needs and then the highway crew wouldn't need a third person. Deb Burchard feels the power line infrastructure upgrade project should have funds available for road remediation. Dave Tatro will contact the Bennington office and he was asked to take pictures of the condition of the road.

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MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2024 as written. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #33 \$ 7,603.30 payroll WARRANT #34 \$11,622.83 accounts payable WARRANT #35 \$ 7,510.63 payroll WARRANT #36 \$10,889.29 accounts payable

ROAD CONDITIONS

1. Dave Tatro advised that the tree cleanup from the July 2024 storm is complete. The company will provide a quote to cut the trees at the intersection of The Lane and East Road.

2. The Freightliner is in the shop for transmission repair.

3. The road crew has been ditching Mill Road and County Road.

4. When Dave Tatro retires it will be easier for the new road crew to maintain the roads if they are paved. Dave Tatro thought they should consider paving the school bus routes in the future.

HIGHWAY GARAGE

The Selectboard considered the quotes they received to repair the highway garage roof. Dave Tatro said it is leaking, it's in bad shape, and feels something should be done before winter. The board agreed to use ARPA funds to cover the cost.

MOTION by John Dunn to hire Stevens Roofing to install a screwed-on metal roof without insulation for \$38,000.00. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

DECLASSIFICATION OF PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD

The board previously decided to keep the classification of the 0.3 mile portion of County Road a Class 4 road unless they received new information. Nancy Bushika provided information about a law suit in Tunbridge, Vermont over whether the town retains its control over a legal trail. The case was defeated and is being appealed. Dave Tatro believes it was defeated because the plaintiffs don't have a case. He feels with a legal trail, the town is relieved of its responsibility to maintain the road but retains its full authority over the legal trail. Nancy Bushika confirmed that jeeps will still be able to ride on the trail. Tom Nazzewski said the ATV club has no opinion regarding the classification. The club is looking for grant funding to improve that section as well as trail 301. Tom Nazzewski acknowledged that the club would work with the Selectboard and Road Commissioner before doing any work.

MOTION by Mike Denault to change the classification of the 0.3 section of County Road from the intersection of County Road and National Forest Trail No. 301 to the Pownal, Vermont town line from a Class 4 road to a legal trail. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Doug Wright). Motion APPROVED.

Nancy Bushika asked about the "U" designation on some of the Agency of Transportation maps which could be either roads that are marked Untraveled or Unpassable.

RECYCLING

1. Dave Tatro described the trouble he had with Casella when they dropped off the wrong compactor at the transfer station.

2. Vermont is implementing a law that will make it more expensive to dispose of household hazardous waste items.

3. Nancy Bushika attended the Alliance meeting yesterday. The new household hazardous waste facility was inspected and a few improvements will be made.

4. The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance is working with the Bennington Chamber of Commerce to create a Memorandum of Understanding with the vendors at the Garlic Fest and other Bennington events to use only compostable products.

5. The Bennington Library will hold a Fix it Fund Event on November 9, 2024. People can bring broken items for repair on that day.

NEW FIRE TRUCK LOAN

Bill Levine and Paul Ethier have worked with Adams Community Bank to obtain a loan to purchase the new fire truck for the Fire Department. The bank is willing to reduce the term to five years so the town does not need to be bonded. We will wait until the fire truck is ready and the funds are needed to sign the paperwork.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT No report.

DELINQUENT DOG LIST

Luke McKay has been working to bring dog owners into compliance. One person came in today and another will be in next week. Nancy Bushika read the delinquent dog owners aloud: Stacy Abuisi: one dog, the town has a valid rabies certificate on file; Ailynn Bascom: one dog, the rabies certificate on file has expired; Doreen Bentley: one dog, the rabies certificate on file has expired; Megan Bouchard: two dogs, one rabies certificate is valid, the other has expired; Ryan Clark: one dog, the rabies certificate on file has expired; William Primmer: one dog, the town has a valid rabies certificate on file; and Clay Zeller-Townson: two dogs, one rabies certificate is valid, the other has expired. The board discussed their options to bring the dogs into compliance. It is a public health hazard if someone is bit and the dog is not up to date on its rabies vaccine. The Dog Officer will be asked to take steps quickly to get these dogs registered.

TOWN WEBSITE

The state passed a new law requiring that either video or audio recordings of certain meetings need to be on the town website. The audio file is so large it could not be uploaded. The web designer said this increased storage capacity will cause an increase in the cost for website maintenance. It was suggested that the town look into cloud-based storage for the files and just provide a link on the website.

TRANSFER OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

The sale of Lots 188 and 294 was previously approved. The funds have been received from the buyer and the two deeds transferring each lot were signed.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

The Selectboard approved the uniform municipal excess weight permit application from Riggs Distler. The appropriate fee and insurance information was received from the applicant.

STAMFORD SIGN

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the final sign design and signed the municipal permit application. The sign will be 11.25 square feet which is allowable in the town By-laws and Deb Burchard asked that it be placed 51 feet in from the road just to be sure.

CDL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

Wade Masure from The Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) responded to the town's complaint. The town does not want our employees to travel to Bennington for its random CDL testing. They used to come to the highway garage to conduct the testing on site. VLCT hopes the problem will be resolved in mid-September, but the testing company has not wavered from its position to test employees in Bennington. Wade Masure will be contacted again to reinforce the town's position.

DVFIBER

No one has applied for financial assistance to help with their DVFiber installation costs.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FORM

Nancy Bushika reserved the use of the community room on the first and third Thursdays in case Selectboard meeting attendance exceeds the town office space.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF VERMONT

The state would like to see all communities do something to celebrate the anniversary which will be spread over a three-year period. Anyone interested in forming a group to plan for the celebration should contact a Selectboard member.

VLCT SEMINAR

VLCT will be holding a Budget, Spending and Borrowing seminar on September 18, 2024. Nancy Bushika would like to attend and she encouraged other board members to attend if they were available.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. MOTION by Nancy Bushika to find that premature public discussion of a contractual matter and a personnel matter would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to enter executive session for a contractual matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2) and a personnel matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Selectboard entered executive session at 8:00 p.m. Dave Tatro was briefly invited to participate. Lori Shepard was also invited to participate. MOTION by Nancy Bushika to exit executive session. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 9:18 p.m. Action: Sally Bohl will be invited to the next Selectboard meeting. The rate of pay was established for the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer position.

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Lori Shepard stated that Theresa Denault is retiring. The Selectboard thanked her for her service to the town and acknowledged that she will be missed. The open position has been posted for two or three weeks now and there has been one applicant.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

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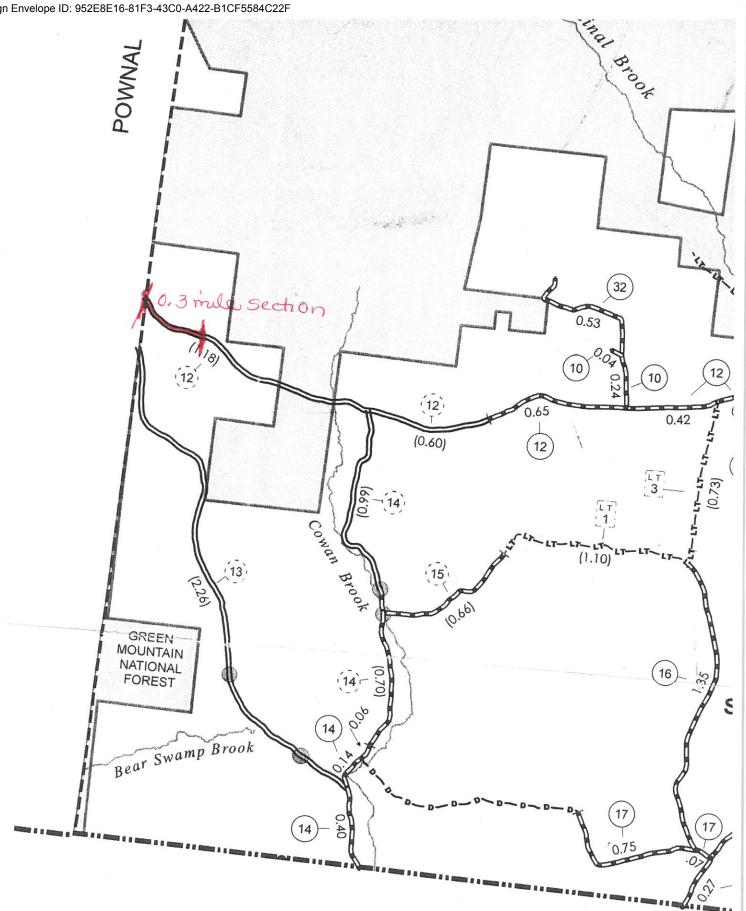
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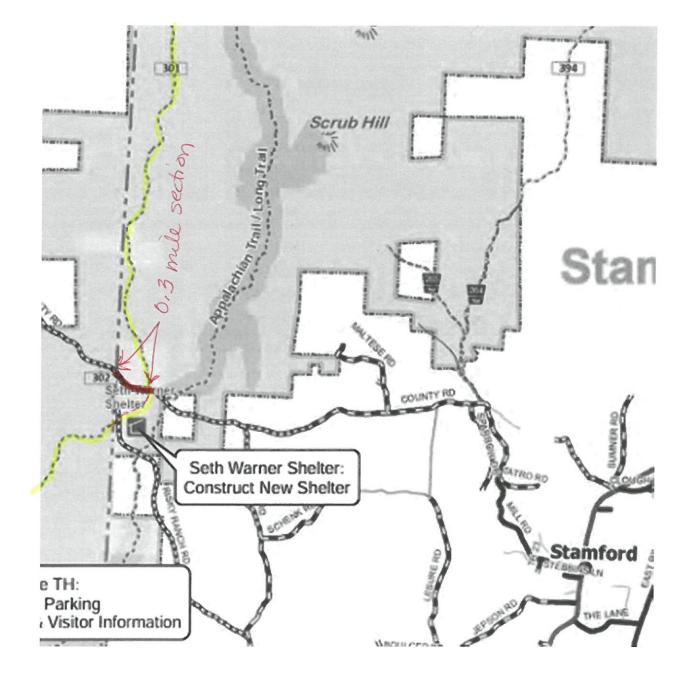
REMINDERS

1. Townspeople should sign up with the state's free communications network, VT-Alert. You can sign up at vtalert.gov to receive notifications. You can choose how you would like to be alerted (phone call, text or email) and can choose what type of alerts you would like to receive, i.e. weather, road closures, public health, etc.

2. The transfer station is open on Wednesday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the summer months.

3. The town office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Mondays.





Alley, Kerry

From:	townclerk@stamfordvt.net
Sent:	Wednesday, April 2, 2025 10:06 AM
То:	Alley, Kerry
Subject:	RE: Declassification of Road

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Hello Kerry,

Nancy Bushika spoke with the Road Commissioner at length concerning your email below. They respectfully disagree with your proposed updates and would like the measurements to remain the same. They feel it is not worth updating everything when we're only talking a couple 1/100th's of a mile.

I appreciate your hard work and your dedication to accuracy.

My best,

Lori

Lori A. Shepard Stamford Town Clerk 986 Main Road Stamford, VT 05352 (802) 694-1361 townclerk@stamfordvt.net T, W & F 8 am – 12 pm; Th 1 pm – 7 pm

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From: Alley, Kerry [mailto:Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 12:49 PM
To: townclerk@stamfordvt.net; nancybushika@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Declassification of Road

Greetings Lori and Nancy,

I updated The VTrans road centerline data to correctly reflect the location of the end of the class 3 portion of County Road. I also just noticed that Street View shows there is a sign there!

Also, thanks for noticing that I had preloaded the incorrect measure for the new legal trail onto the certificate!

Now that I have finally gotten around to processing Stamford's 2025 Mileage Certificate, I would like to make additional adjustments on the Certificate that would make our records even more accurate:

1. I'd like to modify the measure of the new legal trail to match the length according to our mapping software (0.29 mi instead of 0.30), which would reflect the distance from the red point in the image below

to the town line (indicated by the parcel data for Stamford and Pownal, as shown with green lines in image #1 below). I can make the updates on the mileage certificate to reflect 0.29 mi instead of 0.30 mi, and include an initialed note on the certificate that references this correspondence to explain the updates. (For example, I made similar noted updates on Stamford's 2020 Mileage Certificate which you can see here

https://maps.vtrans.vermont.gov/Maps/Publications/MileageCertificates/ArchivedMileageCertificates/B ENNINGTON_Co/STAMFORD/STAMFORD_MILEAGECERT_2020_C_OCR.PDF)

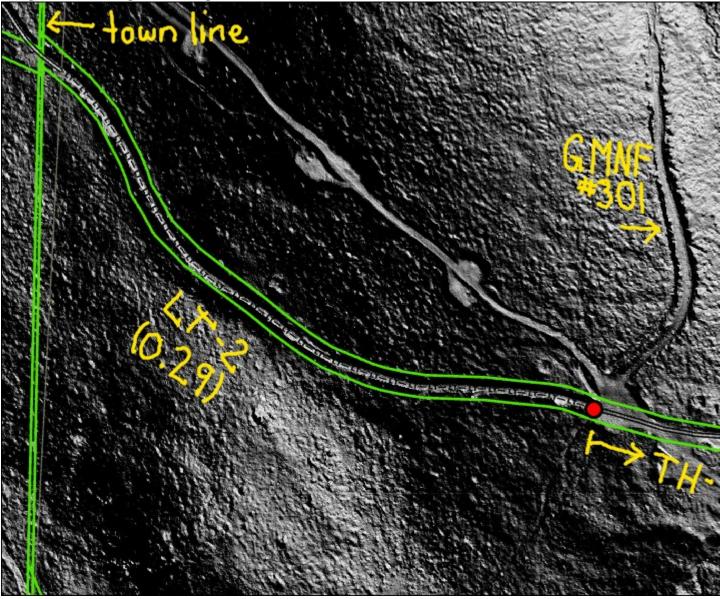


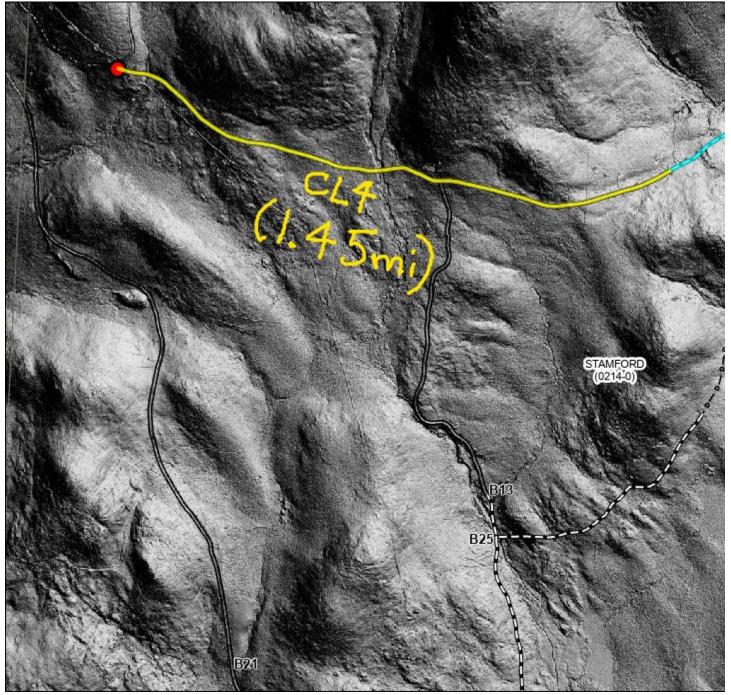
Image #1 - New Legal Trail length:

2. Similarly, now that we are mapping the end of the class 3 portion of TH-12 at #1414 Country Rd and have incredible new terrain imagery for mapping roads more accurately, I would also like to process a remeasurement of both the remaining class 4 and class 3 portions of Country Rd and Mill Rd) to ensure that our records more closely reflect the actual length of TH-12. The measurements for TH-12 obtained using our mapping software and taken from the VTrans field inventory from 1988 (conducted in the presence of Road Commissioner John Tatro) are very similar (0.02 difference for CL3 measure only). Using the longer measure from the field inventory would yield new measures of 3.23 mi of CL3 TH-12 and

1.45 mi of CL4 TH-12 (after the legal trail classification), as indicated in the following image. Given the current mileage in our records, the remeasurement would be written as:

-0.10 mi CL3 TH-12 (Country Rd and Mill Rd) remeasured -0.04 mi CL4 TH-12 (Country Rd) remeasured

Image #2 - More accurate mileages for class 3 and class 4 portions of TH-12:



If you have any questions about these adjustments, or additional information that you feel is relevant, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you yet again for helping us keep our data as accurate as possible!

Kerry

Kerry Alley | GIS Professional III Policy, Planning & Research Bureau – Mapping Section Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development Division Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641 802-917-2621 (cell) | <u>Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov</u> <u>http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps</u>

From: townclerk@stamfordvt.net <townclerk@stamfordvt.net> Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 11:38 AM To: Alley, Kerry <<u>Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov</u>> Subject: RE: Declassification of Road

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Good morning Kerry, Nancy Bushika met with our Road Commission, Dave Tatro and myself to take a look at our County Road mileage.

The Class 3 section of County Road ends at the driveway for 1414 County Road. East of that driveway is Class 3 and west of that driveway begins the Class 4 section. The Class 4 section continues westerly to the intersection of the Green Mountain National Forest trail no. 301. The new Legal Trail #5 begins at the County Road/GMNF trail #301 intersection and continues westerly 0.3 mile to the Pownal line. Hopefully this will help you with the mapping. My best,

Lori

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From: Alley, Kerry [mailto:Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov] Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 5:26 PM To: townclerk@stamfordvt.net Subject: RE: Declassification of Road

Hi Lori,

As you may have noticed, the reclassification you submitted below was preloaded onto Stamford's 2025 Certificate of Highway Mileage. I would also like to add a remeasurement of the class 3 and class 4 portions of TH-12 since we have our attention on this area already and because we now have terrain imagery that very clearly shows the alignment of the entire road. I haven't yet calculated the new measures, but will get to them later this week and send them along to you (along with explanations) so that you can add them to the mileage certificate.

Thanks again for sending us the reclassification documentation ahead of time, because that allowed enough time for me to tidy up our data for the entire length of TH-12.

I would also like to confirm that I've mapped the beginning of the new Legal Trail correctly. Here is an image of the area (and another attached image with higher resolution showing the terrain) for you all to see where we've mapped the beginning of the new Legal Trail. Can you confirm that this is the correct location? The attached image also gives you a preview the not-yet-released terrain images that are allowing us to map TH-12 (even the class 4 sections) quite well.



Thank you,

Kerry

Kerry Alley | GIS Professional III Policy, Planning & Research Bureau – Mapping Section Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development Division Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641 802-917-2621 (cell) | <u>Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov</u> <u>http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps</u> From: <u>townclerk@stamfordvt.net</u> <<u>townclerk@stamfordvt.net</u>> Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 3:58 PM To: Alley, Kerry <<u>Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov</u>> Subject: Declassification of Road

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The Stamford Selectboard recently voted to change the classification of a 0.3 mile portion of County Road from its current classification as a Class 4 road to a Legal Trail.

Please find the following documents in support thereof:

- 1) Minutes from public site visit on 8/1/24
- 2) Minutes from public hearing on 8/1/24
- 3) Minutes from Selectboard meeting on 9/5/24 where motion to change the classification was made
- 4) Copy of pertinent section of AOT highway map showing the 0.3 section beginning at the intersection of County Road and the National Forest Trail #301, traveling westerly along County Road to the Pownal/Stamford line
- 5) Copy of pertinent section of the National Forest online map showing the intersection of its Trail #301 with County Road and the section of County Road that has been changed from Class 4 to a Legal Trail.

Please let me know if there is any other documentation you need from me and if you have any questions. Thank you,

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