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Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development Division
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May 23, 2025

Ryan Thurber, Selectboard Chair
Woodford, c/o Town Clerk
1391 VT Route 9
Woodford, VT 05201-9410

Dear Mr. Thurber,

The VTrans Mapping Section has not signed the 2025 Certificate of Highway Mileage for the Town of Woodford as the addition of the roads listed in Part II are not being accepted at this time. We know the Town wants to include in the legal trail mileage the following roads:

Dunville Hollow Road
City Stream Road
Little Pond Road (Hager Hollow Road)
Water's Hill Road (Birch Hill Road)
Glastenbury Road (Bolles Brook Road)
Pine Valley Road
Bickford Hollow Road

There are still a series of questions that I have regarding these roads and documentation. The meeting that we had in March of 2019 was helpful to get additional insight on the roads listed above and to share what is needed by VTrans to accept these roads as highways. I provided a letter to the Selectboard following that meeting with a series of questions and a request for documentation. Please find attached a copy of this letter from May 21st, 2019. At this point, I haven't received any further information from the Town, so am unable to accept any of the roads on the list as highways or trails at this time.

This does not preclude the Town's ability to add these roads as highways or trails in the future, provided information regarding their legal establishment is provided to VTrans. Please see the attached letter for more details on what is needed and some of the open questions.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments related to this letter, or mapping in general.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnathan Croft'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Johnathan Croft
VTrans Mapping Section

JFC/jfc

Enclosures

cc: Matthew Arancio, VTrans Planning Coordinator
Jim Henderson, Bennington County Regional Commission

District 1
Certcode 0217-0

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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 WOODFORD 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 | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 |
| Class 3 | 2.50 | | | 2.5 | 0.000 |
| State Highway | 9.575 | | | 9.575 | 0.000 |
| Total | 12.075 | | | 12.075 | 0.000 |
| * Class 1 Lane | 0.000 | | | | |
| * Class 4 | 6.95 | | | 6.95 | 0.000 |
| * Legal Trail | 0.75 | | | .75 | |

* 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).

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Dunville Rd/ City Stream Rd/ Little Pond Rd/ Waters Hill Rd/
Glastenbury Rd/ Pine Valley Rd

Note: Supporting documentation is on file at AOT.

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 T/C/V Clerk:

Date Filed: 1/16/2025

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

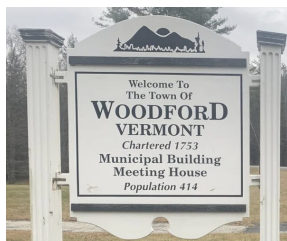
AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE:

Added "X" for
no changes,
P. DeAndrea,
VTrans
5/23/2025



Select Board Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Ryan Thurber, Steve Wright, Wayne Tift, Susan Wright, Gail

Rutkowski, Joseph Rutkowski

Meeting Location: Woodford Town Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

Minutes:

Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Public Comments

Minutes:

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of December's Minutes

Minutes:

Motion made by Ryan to approve December's minutes as posted and presented, 2nd by Wayne.

There being no further discussion; all were in favor, **Motion Carries**.

4. Treasurer's Report

Minutes:

Gail stated that there were discrepancies from last month's outstanding bill and this month's warrants.. Reimbursement payment for \$95.87 was not on last month's outstanding bills but is on this month's warrant. Also, the mileage payment for \$29.80 on last month's outstanding bills was incorrect and is corrected to \$26.80 on this month's warrant (attached).

a. Outstanding Bills

Minutes:

Gail presented the Outstanding Bills for January.

Motion made by Ryan to approve the Outstanding Bills for \$3,456.67 as presented (attached), 2nd by Wayne. There being no further discussion; all were in favor, **Motion Carries**.

b. Warrants

Minutes:

Gail presented this month's Warrants.

Motion made by Ryan to approve Payroll Warrant PR-12 for \$8184.90 as presented (attached), 2nd by Steve. All abstained where appropriate. There being no further discussion; all were in favor, **Motion Carries**.

Motion made by Ryan to approve General Warrant AP-12 for \$4,922.34 as presented (attached), 2nd by Wayne. Steve abstained where appropriate. There being no further discussion; all were in favor, **Motion Carries**.

Motion made by Ryan to approve Tax Warrant TX-12 for \$148,866.16 as presented (attached), 2nd by Steve. It was noted that the large amount was due to tax payments to MAUHS and the Southwest Elementary School . There being no further discussion; all were in favor, **Motion Carries**.

5. Final Budget Review

Minutes:

The board reviewed and adjusted the budget line items as needed and agreed upon. Once all the changes were completed, the final general budget and highway budget were presented for approval.

Motion made by Ryan to approve the proposed Town's General Budget for \$159,262.00 as previously discussed (attached), 2nd by Wayne. This amount does not include \$23,675.00 for appropriations the voters will be approving from the floor at Town Meeting on Monday March 3, 2025.

Motion made by Steve to approve the proposed Town's Highway Budget for \$40,000.00 as previously discussed (attached), 2nd by Wayne. There being no further discussion; all were in favor, **Motion Carries**.

6. Certificate of Highway Miles

Minutes:

Susan presented the Certificate of Highway Mileage received from the VT. Agency of Transportation. The board, as they have been doing for several years, added the roads the Town claims ownership of but has not received approval from the State (attached).

7. Other Business

a. Town Meeting Warning

Minutes:

Susan presented the Annual Town Meeting Warning for discussion and possible changes. A suggestion to change the time of the meeting to an earlier time was made. Given the fact that attendance has declined and the current time of 7:30pm may no longer be convenient to voters, the board agreed to change the meeting time to 6:00pm. Also discussed was the tax due date. It was agreed that the tax due date will be the last Saturday in September (September 27, 2025). Tax payments must be physically received by noon on that date to be considered as on time and not delinquent.

b. Ethics Commission

Minutes:

Susan explained to the board that the VT. State Ethics Commission is requesting the name

of the person the board has appointed as the Town's Ethics Liaison as per Act 171 that went into effect on January 1, 2025. The board agreed that, since it has been extremely difficult to get people involved in Town Government, the response to the Ethics Commission would be that no one is interested in accepting this position at this time. However, the position will continue to be available to anyone who may be interested in the future.

c. Dog Fees

Minutes:

Susan informed the board that the State has increased the dog registration fees by \$2.00. This \$2.00 increase is for the portion of the registration fee that goes to the State. As of Jan 1, 2025 the cost for a dog registration is \$11.00 & \$13.00.

d. Equalization Study

Minutes:

The board reviewed the Equalization Study results received from the Dept. of Taxes. The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) dropped to 74.06%. This is a significant change and will very likely result in a reappraisal order from the State.

8. Executive Session (if necessary)

Minutes:

No executive session was needed.

9. Adjournment

Minutes:

Motion made by Ryan to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Wayne. There being no further discussion; all were in favor, **Motion Carries**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

NEXT MEETING will be Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 7:00pm.



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May 21, 2019

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Dear Mr. Thurber,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to meet and discuss the roads within the Town of Woodford that have been noted on the Mileage Certificate. The meeting on March 12th provided a chance for me to gather some additional information and get an understanding of the perspective from the Town on the roads that are noted on the Mileage Certificate.

The roads include the following:

- Dunville Hollow Road
- Water's Hill Road (Birch Hill Road)
- Bickford Hollow Road
- Little Pond Road (Hager Hollow Road)
- Glastenbury Road (Bolles Brook Road)
- City Stream Road
- Pine Valley Road

In advance of the March meeting, I reviewed the documentation again that had been provided by the Town and worked to put these in chronological order to get a better understanding of what information was been provided and what might be needed for additional documentation. I compiled a listing of these documents and have included a copy of this listing that also includes my notes. In some cases, I have included questions regarding the documents and areas where additional information would be helpful and necessary.

There are some specific documents that are needed for a better understanding of the status of these roads. In the case of Dunville Hollow Road, there was a notice of discontinuance in 1848 and the Town did not vote to discontinue the road. This provides an inference that the road was laid out as a highway and was not discontinued at that time. There is also a reference in 1846 of highway taxes, which includes the Dunville Road, which also infers that it was a highway. One big question though, is that there is a discontinuance of a highway noted as the Dunville Road in 1851, but the photocopy is cut off, so it is not known to what extent the highway was discontinued, either a portion or in its entirety. A copy of this discontinuance from Page 19 – 1/6/1851 is needed to understand the status of Dunville Hollow Road. If the discontinuance doesn't cover the Dunville Hollow Road, does

the inference of a highway in the 1848 discontinuance attempt and the 1846 highway taxes provide enough documentation to show legal establishment? I don't think this quite measures up to what would be needed to weather any challenges that might arise. To be able to move this forward, I would like to request a copy of the 1851 discontinuance (Page 19 – 1/6/1851) to better understand what was discontinued at that time.

I would recommend that the Town seek a legal opinion on whether the inference of a highway in 1846 highway taxes and 1848 discontinuance attempt would constitute enough documentation support legal establishment and that Dunville Hollow Road is a highway.

In the case of Water's Hill Road, also referenced as Birch Hill Road, there isn't any laying documents in the packet of information submitted by the Town, but there is reference in the Woodford Town History to this road being one of the first highways laid out in Woodford. This wouldn't be enough to show legal establishment, but it does provide some background on this road.

Water's Hill Road is referenced as a "highway" in the deed of the cemetery that is located adjacent to this road, known as the Eddy Cemetery or Water's Hill Cemetery. There are several other deeds that reference this road, and some reference it as a highway. Is this enough documentation to support evidence of a legally established highway? I would think that this does provide some insight to Water's Hill Road being laid out as a highway and being a highway at the time the deeds were filed but might not fully be what would be needed to defend a claim to legal establishment. This does also bring up the question to whether the cemetery, which was deeded to the Town in 1809, is still owned by the Town.

There are some questions that I have about the alignment of the Bickford Hollow Road and what may have been laid out originally. There is discussion of the location of the road in a letter from Gina Owens of the Forest Service from 3/18/2005, where she notes differences in the locations from the 1898 USGS topographic map and the 1954 USGS topographic map. When looking at the 1856 Map of Bennington County, there is a road alignment that follows to the west of Bickford Hollow Brook, roughly matching what is shown on the 1898 USGS topographic map. The alignment that is on the 1954 USGS topo maps goes up along the ridge between Bickford Hollow Brook and Bolles Brook and seems to be the alignment that was marked as #2 on the town highway map for additions. I have enclosed copies of the 1898 USGS topo map and the 1954 topo map, as well as the 1856 Map of Bennington County for your reference. I would like to seek clarification to what the laid-out alignment of Bickford Hollow Road is and its proper location. There is also a lack of documents showing legal establishment of this road as a highway, so I seek additional information regarding this.

Within the packet of information provided by the Town of Woodford, I am not seeing any documentation related to the laying out of the Little Pond Road (Hager Hollow Road), Glastenbury Road (Bolles Brook Road), City Stream Road, or the Pine Valley Road. There will need to be information provided for these roads showing legal establishment for their consideration for additions to the Mileage Certificate.

There may be additional information within the Town's records or possibly the Bennington County records since some of the roads connect from Bennington and into Glastenbury.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept the roads listed on the Mileage Certificate as legal trails at this time but would like to continue to work with the Town as more information is located to support the legal establishment of these roads as highways.

As I have noted in the past, my understanding of the current statutes regarding highways is that any road that has been legally established, never discontinued, and is clearly observable by physical

evidence of a highway or trail, will persist and wasn't subject to the statutory discontinuance defined by Act 178 of 2006. Essentially, if a highway has been laid out, never discontinued and is clearly visible on the ground, then it continues to be a highway, so there would still be the opportunity for the Town to add these to the Mileage Certificate and Town Highway Map.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments related to this letter, or mapping in general.

Sincerely,



Johnathan Croft
VTrans Mapping Section

JFC/jfc

Enclosures

cc: Amy Bell, VTrans Planning Coordinator
Sommer Bucossi, VTrans Planning Coordinator
Jim Henderson, Bennington County Regional Commission

District 1
Certcode 0217-0

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

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One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the members of the legislative body of **WOODFORD** in **BENNINGTON** County
on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305,
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Dunsmuir Rd / City Stream Rd / Little Pond Rd / Waters Hill Rd /
Bickford Rd / Glashenbury Rd / Pine Valley Rd

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

Received

FEB 11 2019

Policy, Planning & Intermodal
Development Division

Note:
All Supporting
documentation is
on file at AOT
from previous years
GIS mapping still
incomplete

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

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

[Signature] (RYAN THURBER)
[Signature]
[Signature]

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

[Signature]

Date Filed:

2/5/19

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

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

APPROVED:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE:

Dunville Hollow Road

From TH-4 (Notch Road) to Stamford Town Line

- Selectboard minutes – 10/20/2014 –

Culvert replacement on Dunville Road – paid for by National Forest and replaced by Town

- **Brown Book – 1846**

Listing of the amount of highway taxes, including Dunville Road.

- **Notice Volume 4 – Page 88 – 11/15/1848**

4th – to see whether the Town will discontinue the Dunville Road or vote to raise money to build it

4th Voted not to Discontinue the Dunville Road

- Brown Book – Page 101? – 1849

Unsure if this page is germane and hard to read. References to payments to the Selectmen.

- **Discontinuance – Page 19, 1/6/1851**

Discontinuance of a highway noted as the Dunville Road, but photocopy is cut off and description of the discontinued highway is not included. **This page is needed to understand what section of highway was discontinued, based on the description of on this page and potentially the subsequent page. Being able to run the bearings and distances can provide insight to what was discontinued.**

- Brown Book – Page 123 – 1854

Unsure if this page is germane and hard to read. References to payments to the Selectmen.

- Notice of Town Meeting – 2/16/1857

Notice of the need to vote for a surveyor of highways in each district and funding of repair of highways in the Dunville District.

- Agreement to pay for horses with cord wood and logs to Charles Bowles – Second Book, Volume 3, Page 213 - 9/6/1880

Cord wood delivered to Charles Bowles on the Dunville Road. Shows existence of the road, but not establishment of the highway.

- Deed – Volume II, Page 393

This is difficult to read, but there is a reference to highway and Squires Lot. This needs to be into context and how it connects to the Dunville Hollow Road.

- Deed – Root to Pellerin - Book 12, Page 118-119 – 11/19/1885

Conveyance of parcel from Root to Pellerin but need context to this parcel and not seeing reference to a highway.

- Deed – Book 12, Page 119 - 1885

Describes a highway but need context to this deed and where this is located and need Page 120 to complete the deed.

- Deed – Page 127 – 7/10/1886

Sale of coal kiln south side of the turnpike and a coal kiln south of the railroad crossing that cross the highway from Woodford Hollow to Woodford City.

How does this relate to Dunville Hollow Road?

- Payment for barn repairs – 2/9/1888

Describes property of J W Hagar on the highway from C W Cutlers to Searsburg. There are 2 J W Hagar's that show up on the Beers Atlas Map, one at the end of what is Pine Valley Road and one on VT-9 near Big Pond. The description relates to the farm south of VT-9. This does not seem germane to the Dunville Hollow Road.

- Deed – Pellerin to Rockwood/Blackmer – Book 15, Page 325-326 – 7/10/1909

Same property conveyed as in Book 16, Page 217, with notation of Dunville Stream and a road.

- Quit Claim Deed – Pellerin to Winn – Book 15, Page 323 - 1909

Conveyance of land on the turnpike and 2 rod right of way along Dunville Road. This is defining a private right of way and doesn't show establishment as highway.

- Deed – Rockwood to Meagher – Book 16, Page 217 – 218 – 10/11/1915

References Dunville Stream and a road. Missing Page 219 and ending of deed and if there are any rights to the road or description of the highway.

- Warranty Deed – Pellerin to Knapp - Lot on Dunville Road - Book 16, Page 667 – 1919

Deed for a lot on Dunville Road, with several references to the road.

- Deed – Meagher/Blackmer to Campbell/Harwood - Book 17, Page 503

Parcel described as same as Book 16, Page 217 and Book 16, Page 667.

- Warranty Deed – Dunville Lot – 10/10/1942

Reference to the Dunville Lot and rights of way but **need for info on this deed and what info it provides for legal establishment.**

- Deed of Right of Way – Forest Foot Trail – 1950

Notation of Dunville Hollow Road

- Selectboard meeting – 3/31/1969

Notation of one land owner on the Town Road (The Notch) and possible sales of building lots. Presumably the Notch Road – TH-4. Not sure how this is germane.

- Summary of Abstract of Legal Status – 8/17/1973

Abstract that states no documentation has been found in the Town records that show laying out, dedication or acceptance, or discontinuance of the Dunville Hollow Road or the Bennington to Heartwellville Turnpike.

- Selectboard meeting – 2/15/1989

Notation that the National Forest has no need for the Dunville Road but would cost share work with land owners.

- Selectboard meeting – letter from Forest Service – 3/13/1991

Question on who had keys to locked gates on Prospect Mountain Road with Forest Service response about these locks and private parties on Prospect Mountain Road and Dunville Hollow Road.

Page 1 is missing from this letter and may be useful for context.

- Selectboard minutes – 4/15/1992

Notation of Dunville Hollow Road should be placed under town jurisdiction and that there was a deed owned by the citizens.

- Selectboard meeting – 11/15/1995

Neil states that Dunville Road has nothing to do with the Town.

- Selectboard meeting – Book 16, Page 4 – between 5/20/1998 and 6/17/1998

Dunville Hollow Road – Prescriptive Rights (Shared), FS, Knapp, Hoag, deeded to Schultz 4.38 miles

- Selectboard letter to Phil Plumb - 9/20/2001

Missing first page and needed for context.

- Letter from Stamford Selectboard to GMNF – 10/17/2006

Stamford Selectboard feels Dunville Hollow Road (aka Prospect Mountain Trail) is an ancient road. Installation of a tank trap.

- Selectboard Meeting – 8/16/2006

Discussion of National Forest roads and working with the Green Mountain Forest.

- Selectboard letter to GMNF – 8/24/2006

Town spent money to repair the road.

Does this meet the requirements for dedication and acceptance?

- Neil Notes – 8/24/2006

Notes on Dunville Road presumably by Neil Hoag from Ron Higgins file.

- Letter from Stamford Selectboard to GMNF – 2/2/2007

Issued of the tank trap on Dunville Hollow Road and need for open communication.

- Letter from Dinse, Knapp, McAndrew on behalf of Charles and Marianne Suss – 3/14/2007

Statement of prescriptive rights of way to landowners – need other pages of letter

- Letter from Neil Hoag – 12/19/2007

Statements that it is not a town highway and posing question to the Selectboard.

- Letter from Jason P. Morrissey to Selectboard – 6/17/2010

Information provided regarding the documentation supporting the legal establishment of the Dunville Hollow Road and advice to the Selectboard.

- National Forest Systems Roads (NFSR) in Woodford listing

Listing of Forest Service Roads, including Dunville Hollow Road – NFSR 75 - 3.25 miles and Prospect Mountain Road – NFSR 273

Water's Hill Road (Birch Hill)

From Bennington Town Line to Bolles Brook near Mallory's

- History of the Town of Woodford – Pages 25 – 27

Description of the first road laid out in Woodford that “bears to the left, between Captain H. L. Shields’ place in Bennington, and the Woodford line. It ran up over the hill and struck Bolles Brook not far from Mallory’s.” There is reference to the cemetery, which is the Eddy Cemetery on the south side of the road. There is also a comment about abandonment of the road and only local and private use.

- Lotting Plan

Includes a road that parallels the Waloomsac River and could be Water’s Hill Road or could be the road that is now VT-9.

- **Deed for burying ground – Solomon Safford to Selectmen of Woodford – 1/6/1809**

This deed describes a parcel being “... the east side of the hiway leading, Bennington East line to Nathan Tafts about twenty rods...the east line of said hiway ten rods thence remaining easterly a right angle from said hiway eight rods the southerly parallel with said hiway”

The Eddy Cemetery or Waters Hill Cemetery is clearly visible in the lidar data and the measurements are similar to the dimensions in the deed.

- Town Meeting - Volume 4, Page 29 – 1811

Formation of School District 1 and 2, **need connection of this document to Water’s Hill Road.**

- Deed – Volume 3, Page 444 – 9/1818

Notation of highway, but **copy is very difficult to read and unable to put into context.**

- Town meeting – Page 84 or 88

Highway surveyor listing by district, including “Birch Hill” with notation of “Water”.

- Quit Claim Deed – Palchin?? to Knapp – Volume 3, Page 495 – 10/8/1827

Reference to a parcel on both sides of the “north road leading from the Furnace into Woodford” Not sure the location of this parcel exactly, but there is Furnace in Bennington, just west of the Woodford town line, in the vicinity of Capt. Shields.

- Deed – Volume 3, Page 441

Photocopy is difficult to read, but parcel is noted as “north side of the road leading from [unsure word] furnace to Obadiah Eddy”

- Deed – Volume 6, Pages 299-300 – 2/26/1841

Photocopy is difficult to read and need context of this deed.

- Deed – Volume 6, Pages 300-301 – 12/17/1841

Need context of this deed.

- Debt payments – Book 7, Pages 374 – 377 – 11/14/1847

Debt payments and conveying of Birch Hill Lot and Danforth Lot, not seeing any description of a highway or reference to one.

- Public Hearing – Laying Out Right of Way – 10/18/1980

Laying out of a right of way for the removal of firewood. **Need detail to this right of way and clarity to where it is located.**

- Correspondence between – Vernon Lyon, State House, Forest Service and Town – 8/30/1982 – 12/21/1982

This information includes a letter from Wolfgang Schumann of the Forest Service on 9/21/1982 that includes reference to the cemetery being deeded to the Town by Samuel Safford on 1/6/1806 and recorded in Book 3, Page 147.

Schumann also notes “The old road from Route 9 is a “public way”.” The included maps show the location of the Eddy Cemetery and the location of the road. The Eddy Cemetery is clearly visible in the lidar data due to the presence of the stonewall enclosing it.

- Vicinity Map for Prospect Mountain and West Branch – Green Mountain National Forest

This map includes Water's Hill Road.

- Selectboard meeting – 1/26/2007

Notation that Waters Hill Road is an invisible right of way or unidentified corridor, on top of the hill and behind the school. Some areas are noticeable with stonewalls, and a cemetery. The trail leads to Glastenbury.

- Selectboard meeting – 12/19/2007

Notation that *"Waters Hill Road ends at Dr. Iron's property according to maps but that assessment is not positive"* **Need for information on location of Dr. Iron's property line.**

- Selectboard Meeting – 10/21/2009

Selectboard discussed classifying Water's Hill Road and Little Pond Road with Alex Sienkiewicz of the National Forest. Sienkiewicz noted that limited access could be provided on Waters Hill to access the cemetery.

- Deed – Volume 3, Page 453

Description parcel with reference to "highway leading from Bennington east line to the forge in said Woodford..." and "the highway leading from Bennington east line to Glastenbury..." **Does this refer to Waters Hill Road or Bickford Hollow Road or both?**

- Deed – Volume 3, Page 94?

Description of parcel with reference to "the highway leading from Frederick Eddys to Glastenbury..." **Does this refer to Waters Hill Road or Bickford Hollow Road or both?**

- Deed – Volume 3, Page 443

Description of parcel with reference to "the road leading from Bennington to Glastenbury..." **Does this refer to Waters Hill Road or Bickford Hollow Road or both? Additional clarity is needed for this deed reference.**

Bickford Hollow Road

From TH-1 (Old Harbour Road) to Glastenbury Town Line

- Deed – Howard

Deed includes reference to “Old Glastenbury Road” and “Bickford Hollow Road”, but the deed is cut off. This shows existence of the road, but not necessarily that the roads are highways.

- Selectboard Meeting – 3/17/1993

Discussion of complaints from Joseph Carasone on Bickford Hollow Road. Included is the statement - “A letter to Mr. Carasone stating that Bickford Hollow Road is not a town road, and that an independent contractor would need to be hired by him if he wanted the road plowed beyond his driveway.”

- Letter from Forest Service to Woodford Selectboard – 4/16/1991

Request for comments on commercial and non-commercial timber harvesting and forest management in the area of Middle Ridge Road (Forest Road 278), which appears to be partly along the alignment of the Bickford Hollow Road.

- Letter from Gina Owens, District Ranger to Woodford Selectboard – 3/18/2005

Information on the land acquisition of the Forest Service in the Bickford Hollow area

Discussion of the trail shown on the USGS topo map vs. the road shown on the 1954 USGS topo map

- Selectboard Meeting – 12/19/2007

Reference of the addition of Bickford Road as part of Act 178

Little Pond Road (Hager Hollow)

From VT-9 (Molly Stark Trail) to Little Pond

- Selectboard Meeting – 5/17/1989

Question posed to what the National Forest was doing with Little Pond Road and if was being widened. The road wasn't being widened and only used for snowmobiles.

- Selectboard Hearing – Notes – 10/14/1980

Discussion of a right of way, but no context to where this is and if it relates to Little Pond Road. There are notations that it is not a legal right of way. Notation of "road goes around & hooked on to old state coach road."

- Selectboard Meeting – Notes – 8/17/1983

Notation – "Another Road – Access to Little Pond – looked at different ways to get to Hager Clearing = Road thru Hagars"

- Selectboard Meeting – Notes – 5/16/1984

Notation – "Right of Way Opinion by Atty Morrow"

"Recorded right to road – Knapp, Capella, Schultz, (Kelly, Hardwood) Stamford" -
This presumably refers to rights on the Dunville Hollow Road.

- Selectboard Meeting – Notes – 10/23/1987

Notation of several roads – **need context on these notes and how they show establishment of a highway and how it relates to Little Pond Road.**

- Selectboard Meeting – Notes – 10/23/1987

Notations of roads, but unsure if Little Pond is referenced.

- Deed - Volume 2, Page 389

Parcel conveyed on the Hager Road, related Green?? Lot and Stone Lot. Evidence of a road, but not legal establishment.

Glastenbury Road (Bolles Brook Road)

From end of TH-1 (Old Harbour Road) to Glastenbury Town Line

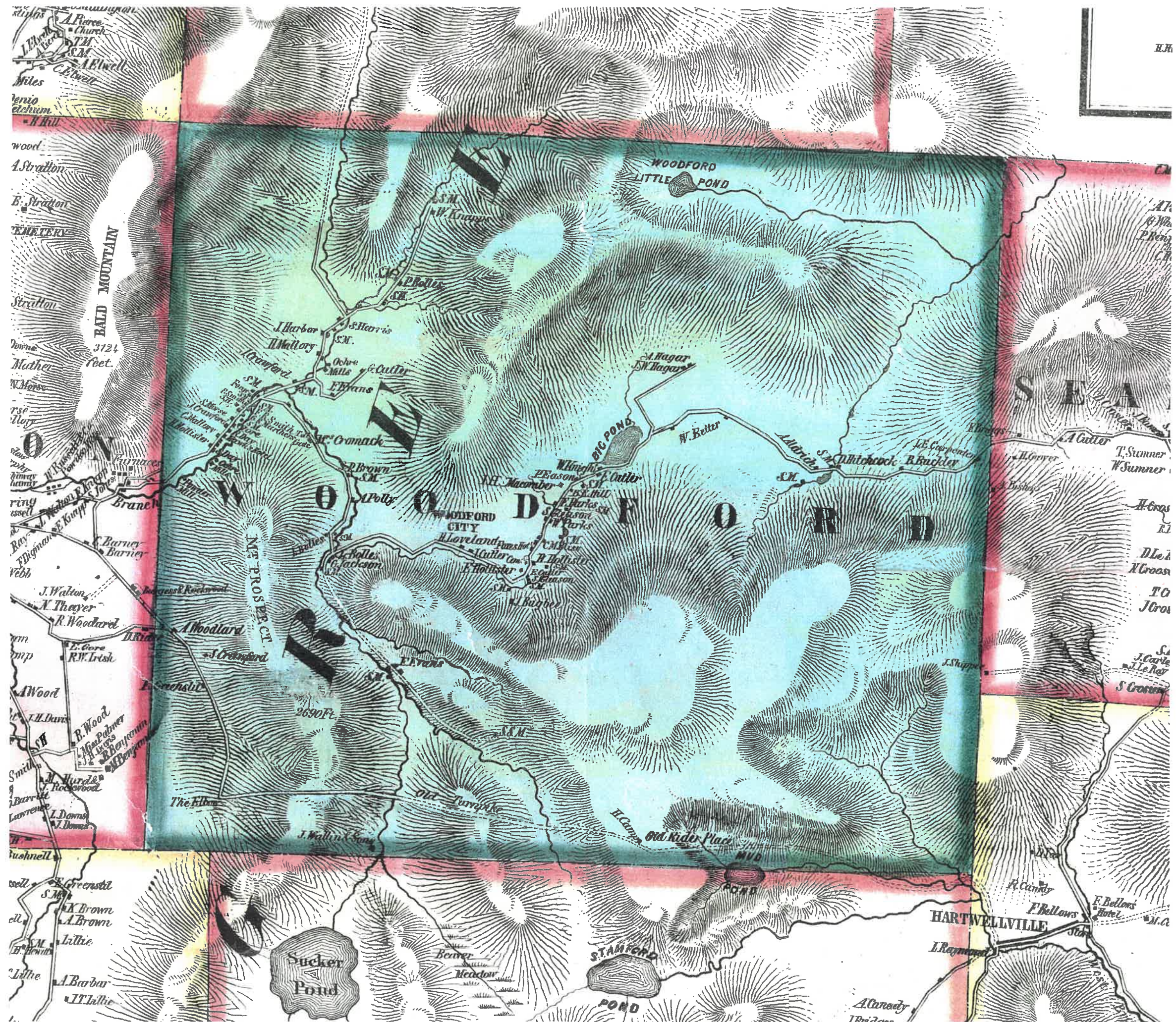
No apparent documentation showing legal establishment.

City Stream Road
From VT-9 (Molly Stark Trail) to terminus

No apparent documentation showing legal establishment.

Pine Valley Road
From VT-9 (Molly Stark Trail) to terminus

No apparent documentation showing legal establishment.



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