District 8
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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2018 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the members of the legislative body of WESTFORD

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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	n and calculate totals.

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000				0.000
Class 2	12.480		Ì	12.48	0.000
Class 3	26.86		0.05	26.81	0.000
State Highway	9.374			9.374	0.000
Total	48.714			48.664	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000	78			
* Class 4	1.80			1,80	0.000
* Legal Trail	4.82		· .	4.82	

^{*} 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. Totals + description added by K. Alley

- 1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening". 3/20/2018,
- 2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

<i>3</i> .	RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).	
	Common Red Surveyed formally laid out (road was	
	already included in Class 3 mileage) -0.05 mi CL3 TH-33 remeasur	red

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

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

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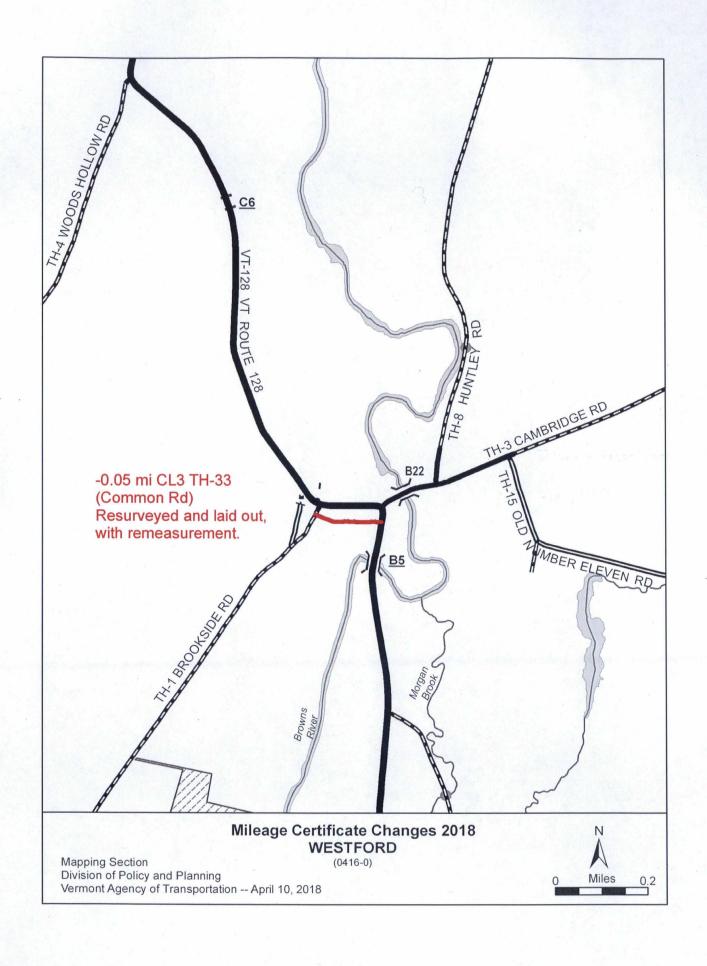
19 V.S.A. § 305. Measurement and inspection

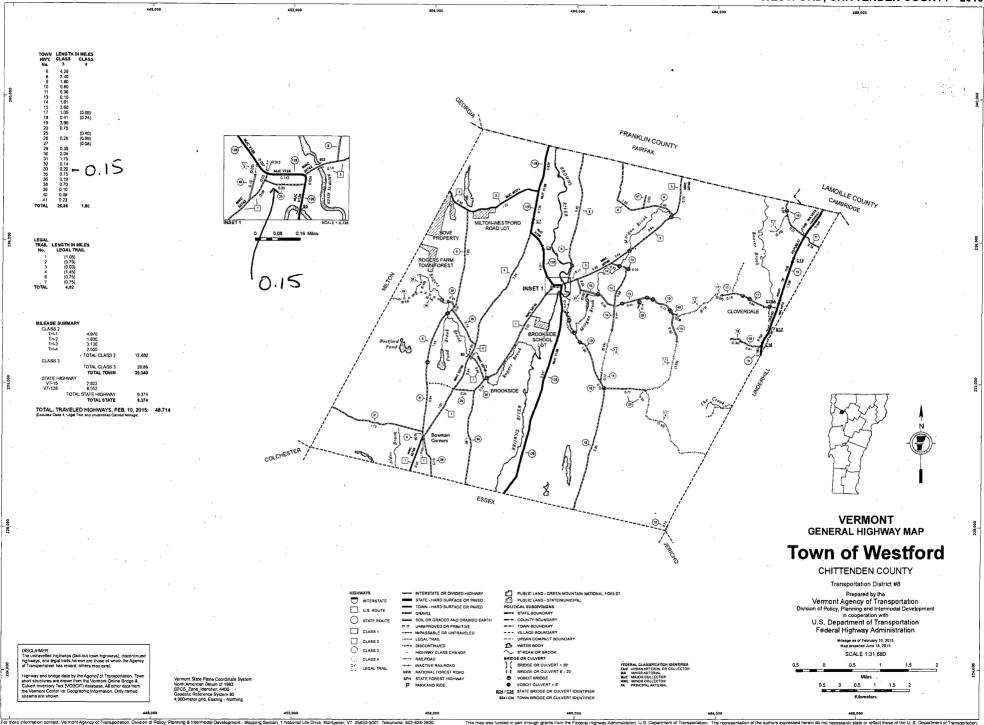
§ 305. Measurement and inspection

- (a) After reasonable notice to the selectboard, a representative of the agency may measure and inspect the class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each town to verify the accuracy of the records on file with the agency. Upon request, the selectboard or their designee shall be permitted to accompany the representative of the agency during the measurement and inspection. The agency shall notify the town when any highway, or portion of a highway, does not meet the standards for its assigned class. If the town fails, within one year, to restore the highway or portion of the highway to the accepted standard, or to reclassify, or to discontinue, or develop an acceptable schedule for restoring to the accepted standards, the agency for purposes of apportionment under section 306 of this title shall deduct the affected mileage from that assigned to the town for the particular class of the road in question.
- (b) Annually, on or before February 10, the selectboard shall file with the town clerk a sworn statement of the description and measurements of all class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails then in existence, including any special designation such as a throughway or scenic highway. When class 1, 2, 3, or 4 town highways, trails, or unidentified corridors are accepted, discontinued, or reclassified, a copy of the proceedings shall be filed in the town clerk's office and a copy shall be forwarded to the agency.
- (c) All class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails shall appear on the town highway maps by July 1, 2015.
- (d) At least 45 days prior to first including a town highway or trail that is not clearly observable by physical evidence of its use as a highway or trail and that is legally established prior to February 10, 2006 in the sworn statement required under subsection (b) of this section, the legislative body of the municipality shall provide written notice and an opportunity to be heard at a duly warned meeting of the legislative body to persons owning lands through which a highway or trail passes or abuts.
- (e) The agency shall not accept any change in mileage until the records required to be filed in the town clerk's office by this section are received by the agency. A request by a municipality to the agency for a change in mileage shall include a description of the affected highway or trail, a copy of any surveys of the affected highway or trail, minutes of meetings at which the legislative body took action with respect to the changes, and a current town highway map with the requested deletions and additions sketched on it. A survey shall not be required for class 4 town highways that are legally established prior to February 10, 2006. All records filed with the agency are subject to verification in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.
- (f) The selectboard of any town who are aggrieved by a finding of the agency concerning the measurement, description, or classification of a town highway may appeal to the transportation board by filing a notice of appeal with the executive secretary of the transportation board.
- (g) The agency shall provide each town with a map of all of the highways in that town together with the mileage of each class 1, 2, 3, and 4 highway, as well as each trail, and such other information as the agency deems appropriate.

Excerpt of 19 V.S.A. § 305 - Measurement and inspection from Vermont Statutes Online located at – https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/19/003/00305

December 2017







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CARROLL A. PETERS LS

Licensed Surveyor #495

428 Fitch Hill Road • Hyde Park VT 05655-9365 Email: vtsurveyor@comcast.net

Phone (802) 888-7737 Fax (802) 888-2293

October 31, 2017

David W. Rugh, Esquire Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C. 171 Battery Street Burlington, VT 05402-1507

RE: Westford "Common Road" (Town Highway #33) Layout; Surveyor's Title Opinion

Dear Dave:

Based on my extensive research of the Westford Land Records over the past 32 years, the field measurements of evidence shown on the Valley Land Services, Inc. plan entitled "Total Station Survey for Town of Westford, Common Road (Town Highway 33), Westford, VT, Scale 1" = 50'," prepared as file #1720, dated October 11, 2017, revised October 26, 2017, accurately depict the property ownership on the southerly side of the Town of Westford "Common Land" located between the Vermont Route 128 and the Brookside Road (State Aid Highway #1) right of ways.

The lands on which the proposed Common Road (Town Highway #33) layout is located on affects land held in various titles of the Town of Westford solely and involves no lands currently in the ownership of others.

The proposed "Common Road" layout southerly line, on the easterly end, is the southerly line of the lands as conveyed by Thomas Beach to the Town of Westford dated August 30, 1825 recorded in Book 6, Page 437 of the Westford Land Records along the northerly line of the Clayton Wilburn – Rebecca Davanon, Kevin and Suzanne Kearns and the Beverly and Peter Weaver Estate properties; the westerly portion of the "Common Road" layout southerly line is through lands as conveyed by Lewis Curtis, Administrator of the Luke and Elizabeth Camp Estates to the Town of Westford dated July 16, 1819 recorded in Book 6, Pages 98 – 99 of the Westford Land Records.

Respectively submitted,

Carroll Peters, L.S.

Westford, Vermont, Town Clerk's Office

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TOWN OF WESTFORD "COMMON ROAD" (TOWN HIGHWAY #33)

Being a 66.0 foot wide right of way leading from VT Route 128 in a westerly, and then northwesterly direction to intersection with the Brookside Road (State Aid Highway #1); being a portion of the lands as were conveyed by Thomas Beach to the Town of Westford dated August 30, 1825, recorded in Book 6, Page 437 of the Westford Land Records and a portion of the lands as were conveyed by Lewis Curtis, Administrator of the Luke and Elizabeth Camp Estates to the Town of Westford dated July 16, 1819, recorded in Book 6, Pages 98 – 99 of the Westford Land Records; the "Common Road" right of way laid out being described in the entirety as follows:

Beginning at an iron rod set flush with the ground on the northeasterly side of the Common Road right of way on the westerly boundary line of VT Route 128 right of way located 33.0 feet off the existing center line of Route 128; said point having a Vermont State Plane North Coordinate of 770,078.25 and East Coordinate of 1,507,822.43 and further referenced as being located on a bearing of North 83 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 133.05 feet from the northwesterly corner of the "Brick Meeting House" (formerly the Baptist Church);

Thence running on the following courses:

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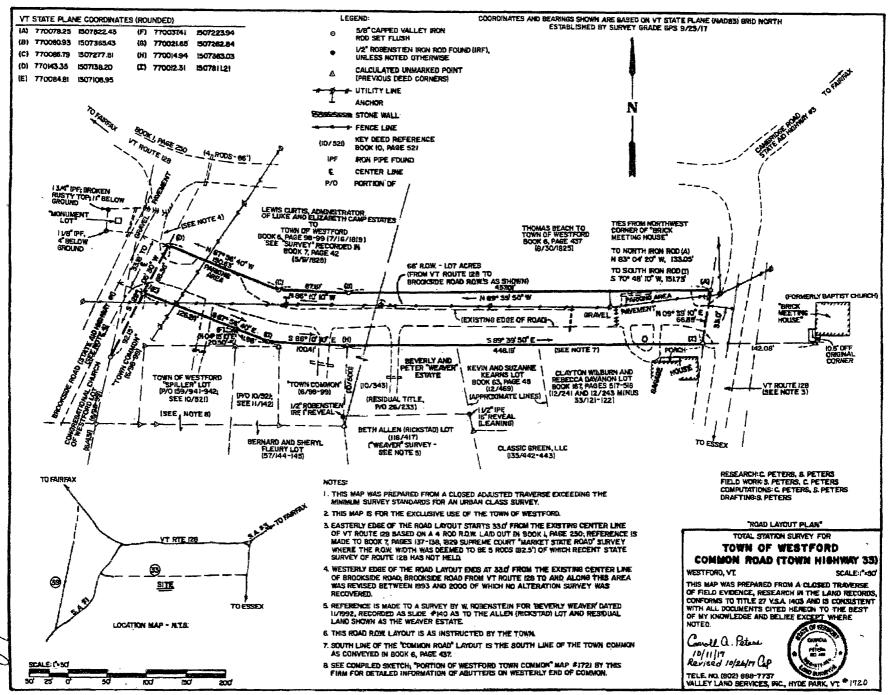
For purposes of clarity to aid in defining the right of way herein laid out reference is made to a survey prepared by Valley Land Services, Inc. of Hyde Park, Vermont bearing the seal and signature of Carroll A. Peters entitled "Total Station Survey for Town of Westford Common Road (Town Highway 33)" dated October 11, 2017, revised October 26, 2017, having file #1720; said right of way contains 1.07 acres.

Westford, Vermont, Town Clerk's Office

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SELECTBOARD'S RETURN TOWN OF WESTFORD, VERMONT

ORDER LAYING OUT TOWN HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY

Re: Lay out of the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) Right-of-Way

The Town of Westford Selectboard held a duly warned examination of the premises and public hearing on December 14, 2017, pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 708, et seq., for the purpose of receiving testimony and hearing all persons interested in the matter of whether the Town of Westford should lay out the right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33). The Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way is proposed to be classified as a Class 3 Town Highway and contains 1.07 acres, more or less. The right-of way has a width of sixty-six feet (4 rods), more or less, for its entire length and runs in a westerly then northwesterly direction from the right of way for Vermont Route 128 to the right of way for Brookside Road (Town Highway No. 1) along the southerly side of the Westford Town Common on land wholly owned by the Town of Westford. Said land is a portion of the lands as were conveyed by Thomas Beach to the Town of Westford by deed dated August 30, 1825, recorded in Book 6, Page 437 of the Town of Westford Land Records, and a portion of the lands as were conveyed by Lewis Curtis, Administrator of the Luke and Elizabeth Camp Estates to the Town of Westford by deed dated July 16, 1819, recorded in Book 6, Page 98-99 of the Town of Westford Land Records. The right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) is shown and depicted on a survey prepared pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 33 entitled, "Total Station Survey for Town of Westford, Common Road (Town Highway 33)," prepared by Valley Land Services, Inc., dated October 11, 2017, revised October 26, 2017, having file #1720. Said survey is recorded in Map Slide **272** of the Town of Westford Land Records (the "Survey").

The Notice of Examination of Premises and Public Hearing on Necessity and Compensation/Damages for Laying Out the Right-of-Way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) was posted in the Town of Westford Clerk's Office on November 29, 2017, and delivered to the Town of Westford Planning Commission on the same day. A Certificate of Posting and Delivery is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Notice was published in the Burlington Free Press, a local newspaper of general circulation, on December 1, 2017. A copy of the Notice, as it appeared in the December 1, 2017 issue of the Burlington Free Press is attached as Exhibit 2. On November 10, 2017, notice was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to interested parties. A Certificate of Service is attached hereto as Exhibit 3. Copies of the certified mail returned receipts and proofs of delivery are attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

The Town of Westford Selectboard held an examination of the premises and a public hearing on December 14, 2017. Approved minutes of the hearing are attached

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hereto as **Exhibit 5**. At the hearing the Town of Westford Selectboard received testimony and evidence that the laying out of the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way would be for the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, considering the greatest public good and the least inconvenience to others, including the sole property owner, the Town of Westford, from the following individuals:

a. David Rugh, Esq., Counsel for the Town of Westford, provided the Selectboard with an overview of the legal standard for laying out a town highway right-of-way pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 711. Attorney Rugh stated that the lay out proceeding was necessary to clarify that the existing travelled way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) indeed had a right-of-way, despite the Town's inability to find a survey laying out the right-of-way in the Town records. He testified that the laying out of the right-of-way was in the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford because it also clarified the boundary lines on the southerly side of the Town Common, being also the southerly boundary of the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right of way, as well as the northerly boundary lines of the properties on the south side of the Town Common. The right-of-way was proposed as four rods wide to accommodate potential future utility installations for the Town. Attorney Rugh further testified that the right-ofway for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) would be laid out solely on land owned by the Town of Westford, as the right of way's southerly boundary was also the southerly boundary of the Westford Town Common as shown on the Survey and as described in two deeds to the Town of Westford. One deed is from Thomas Beach, dated August 30, 1825, and recorded in Book 6, Page 437 of the Town of Westford Land Records, and the other deed is from Lewis Curtis, Administrator of the Luke and Elizabeth Camp Estates, dated July 16, 1819, and recorded in Book 6, Page 98-99 of the Town of Westford Land Records, Attorney Rugh also presented evidence regarding the following: (1) the provision of notice to those owning or interested in the lands abutting the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right of way (Hearing Exhibit 1); (2) that notice was posted and published as required by statute (Hearing Exhibit 2); (3) the Survey (Hearing Exhibit 3); (4) the written description of the right-of-way as shown on the Survey (Hearing Exhibit 4); the opinion of record title holder prepared by Carroll Peters, L.S., dated October 31, 2017 (Hearing Exhibit 5); and the deeds of Beach and Curtis referenced above (Hearing Exhibits 6 and 7). Attorney Rugh also submitted as evidence in the record two source deeds for the two properties on the southeasterly side of the proposed right of way, now owned by Clayton Wilburn and Rebecca Davanon (4 Common Road) and Kevin and Suzanne Kearns to demonstrate that these properties' northerly boundary line was the southerly boundary line of the Westford Town Common, which is also the southerly boundary line of the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) rightof way, being the deeds recorded at Book 12, Pages 241 and 243 of the Town

- of Westford Land Records for the Wilburn & Davanon property (Hearing Exhibit 8), and the deed recorded at Book 12, Page 469 for the Kearns property (Hearing Exhibit 9). Attorney Rugh also submitted a survey of the Brick Meeting House near the easterly terminus of the right-of-way (Hearing Exhibit 10), as the old southwesterly corner of said Meeting House was a key reference point in the Beach deed referenced above that established the southerly boundary lines of the Westford Town Common and the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way. Attorney Rugh further testified that no individuals or property owners were entitled to damages as a result of the laying out of the right-of-way since the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way was being laid out solely on Town-owned land.
- b. Nanette Rogers, Westford Town Administrator and Town Clerk, testified that the laying out of the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way was necessary and convenient because it would officially establish the road so that there would be no question as to the road's location or classification, which is especially helpful for town highway aid from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Ms. Rogers also stated that laying out the right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) was convenient because only Townowned property was affected, so no private property was being acquired and no damages needed to be paid. Ms. Rogers testified further that the laying out of the right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) would not affect any agricultural or residential land, and that the laying out of a rightof way would have no effect on the Town's Grand List, as the right of way is being laid out only on Town owned property. Ms. Rogers further stated that the laying out of the right-of-way would clarify the Town's road maintenance responsibilities and would also clarify the boundary lines for where the Town could install future utility lines, including pipes for a potential future community wastewater disposal project. Through this potential project the Town would provide increased wastewater capacity to, and hence increase future development potential of, properties surrounding the Town Common.
- c. John Roberts, Westford Road Foreman, testified as to the benefits to the Town and its inhabitants of laying out the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way from a road maintenance perspective. Mr. Roberts stated that laying out the right-of-way where there was previously only a travelled way on Town-owned land clarified the Town's responsibilities with respect to road maintenance, plowing and sanding, and related landscaping within the right-of-way. It also helped the Town and its inhabitants with clarifying the amount of town highway aid that would be received from the Vermont Agency of Transportation.
- d. Clayton Wilburn, the owner of the property at 4 Common Road, testified at the hearing and asked a few questions so as to clarify the impact of the laying out of the right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) on his property. Mr. Wilburn first inquired as to landscaping and related maintenance of vegetation adjacent to the proposed right-of-way. Mr.

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Wilburn's inquiries focused on landscaping bushes near his northwesterly property corner and mowing the Town's property in front of his house. Mr. Wilburn also asked about, the maintenance of a perennial bed and a saltdamaged maple tree that was located on Town property and within the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way, but close to his house. Mr. Wilburn asked that the Town mow its property in front of his house and address the damage to the maple tree by most likely removing it in the coming year. Mr. Davanon also testified regarding the impact of the laying out of the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way and clarification of the southerly boundary line of the Town's property as a result of the Survey on the Town's Grand List and his property tax liability. As a result of the clarification of the southerly boundary line of the Town Common, which is the northerly boundary line of the property at 4 Common Road, it's likely the listed acreage of Mr. Davanon's property, and thus its associated fair market value for tax assessment purposes, will be reduced, which is not a bad outcome for Mr. Davanon personally. Lastly, Mr. Davanon inquired as to the proposed utility line installation within the Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) right-of-way and where such lines may be installed.

Having conducted the public hearing and the examination of the premises, the Town of Westford Selectboard hereby determines, based on testimony and evidence submitted at the public hearing, that the right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) be laid out as shown on the Survey. This action was taken for the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 708, et seq.

WHEREFORE, it being determined that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford support the laying out of the right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33), the Selectboard hereby orders that the right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) is laid out. The Selectboard further finds that said right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) may be more particularly bounded as shown on a survey entitled, "Total Station Survey for Town of Westford, Common Road (Town Highway 33)," prepared by Valley Land Services, Inc., dated October 11, 2017, revised October 26, 2017, having file #1720, and described as follows:

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All bearings used in the above description are referenced to VT State Plane (NAD83) North.

Meaning and intending to lay out a four-rod wide right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) containing 1.07 acres, more or less, as shown on the Survey.

DATED at Westford, Vermont, this 28th day of December, 2017

SELECTBOARD OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD

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EXHIBIT 1

TOWN OF WESTFORD

RE: LAY OUT OF COMMON ROAD (TOWN HIGHWAY NO. 33) RIGHT-OF-WAY

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING AND DELIVERY

I, Nanette Rogers, Town Administrator and Town Clerk for the Town of Westford, do hereby certify that on November 29, 2017, I did post the attached Notice of Examination of Premises and Public Hearing on Necessity and Compensation/Damages for the Laying Out of the Right of Way for Common Road (T.H. #33) for the examination of the premises and hearing to be held on December 14, 2017, at the Town of Westford Town Office. A copy of the posted Notice is attached hereto. I also gave notice to the Town of Westford Planning Commission on November 29, 2017. A copy of the notice delivered to the Town of Westford Planning Commission is identical to the notice that was posted in the Town Office that is attached hereto.

Dated at Westford, Vermont, this 21 day of ______, 2017.

Nanette Rogers

Town Administrator and Town Clerk

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION OF PREMISES and PUBLIC HEARING ON NECESSITY AND COMPENSATION/DAMAGES for the LAYING OUT OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR COMMON ROAD (T.H. #33)

Pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 708(a), the Town of Westford Selectboard hereby gives notice in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 709, that the Selectboard will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the intersection of Brookside Road and Common Road to examine said premises.

A public hearing will follow at the Town of Westford Selectboard meeting at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the Westford Town Office, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494, for the purposes of receiving testimony and hearing from all persons interested in whether the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford warrant the laying out of the right-of-way for Common Road (T.H. #33) and whether a person, through whose land Common Road (T.H. #33) passes or abuts, is entitled to compensation/damages for the laying out of said right-of-way as shown on a survey prepared by Valley Land Services, Inc. of Hyde Park, Vermont bearing the seal and signature of Carroll A. Peters entitled, "Total Station Survey for Town of Westford Common Road (Town Highway 33), Westford, VT, Scale 1' = 50'," dated October 11, 2017, revised October 26, 2017, having file #1720.

The above referenced survey, a written description of the right-of way and the surveyor's opinion of record title holder is on file for inspection in the Westford Town Office, and may be viewed during normal business hours. The surveyor's opinion of record title holder finds that the Common Road (T.H. #33) right-of-way is to be laid out solely on lands owned by the Town of Westford.

If, after the 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 Westford warrant laying out the right-of-way for Common Road (T.H. #33), and if the Selectboard determines that a person through whose land Common Road (T.H. #33) passes or abuts is entitled to compensation/damages, it will be so ordered.

EXHIBIT 2

Pudlington Tree Press

Classified Ad Receipt (For Info Only - NOT A BILL)

Customer:

WESTFORD, TOWN OF

Address:

1713 VT ROUTE 128

WESTFORD VT 05494

USA

Run Times: 1

Run Dates: 12/01/17

Text of Ad:

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION OF PREMISES AND PUBLIC HEARING ON NECESSITY AND COMPENSATION DAMAGES for the LAYING OUT OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR COMMON ROAD (T.H. #33)

Pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. 5 708(a), the Town of Westford Selecthoard hereby gives notice in accordance with 19 V.S.A. 5 709, that the Selectboard will meet at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the Intersection of Brookside Road and Common Road to examine saild premiser.

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December 1, 2017

Ad No.: 0002573097

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Pymt Method Invoice

Net Amt: \$345.00

No. of Affidaylts:

EXHIBIT 3

TOWN OF WESTFORD

RE: LAY OUT OF COMMON ROAD (TOWN HIGHWAY NO. 33) RIGHT-OF-WAY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, David W. Rugh, Esq., Counsel for the Town of Westford, do hereby certify that with one exception, I sent notice of the examination of the premises and public hearing on necessity and compensation/damages for the laying out of the town highway right-of-way for Common Road (Town Highway No. 33) by United States Certified Mail to the persons interested or owning an interest in land which abuts the highway on November 10, 2017, which persons are listed on the attached. The exception relates to the successor-in-interest to the Beverly and Peter Weaver Estate property, Jackie Tilghman, who was not sent the notice until November 21, 2017, which was as soon as reasonably practicable after we identified that she was entitled to notice.

Dated at Burlington, Vermont, this 27th day of December, 2017.

David W. Rugh, Esq.

Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C.

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EXHIBIT 5

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING December 14, 2017

Present:

Casey Mathieu

Nanette Rogers

Dave Tilton

Allison Hope

Greg Barrows

Guests:

See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda: Added the November 14, 2017 and December 11, 2017 minutes and deleted the CCRPC report and issues/projects because the representative had to cancel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Clough complimented the Road Crew on the plowing done earlier in the week.

PUBLIC HEARING - LAYING OUT COMMON ROAD

Attorney David Rugh explained that this is the hearing on necessity and compensation/damages held pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §708 for laying out Common Road, and he explained the legal standard applicable to the quasi-judicial hearing. Copies of the survey were distributed to the Selectboard and attendees to review (exhibit 3). Attorney Rugh noted for the record that the Selectboard held an examination of the premises on December 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The entire length of Common Road was walked during the examination while pointing out the stakes that correspond to the survey, the location of the Brick Meeting House and other features.

Attorney Rugh stated that notice was given 30 days in advance of the examination and hearing to interested parties by certified mail (exhibit 1). The notice was also delivered to the Planning Commission, published in the newspaper and posted in the Clerk's office (exhibit 2).

Attorney Rugh explained that the right-of-way is proposed to be laid out entirely on land acquired by the Town of Westford in the 1800's. This is stated in the Surveyor's opinion (exhibit 5). The right-of-way is proposed as a four rod right-of-way to allow for future infrastructure, such as town wastewater disposal lines. The allowance for the infrastructure is located on the north side of the right-of-way because the southern edge of the right-of-way is located on the southern boundary of the Common. In addition to the survey, Attorney Rugh stated that the surveyor provided a written description of the proposed right-of-way (exhibit 4).

Attorney Rugh stated that the Town Common land was deeded to the Town in two separate deeds. One deed is from Thomas Beach to the Town and is recorded in volume 6, page 437. The other deed is from Lewis Curtis, Administrator, to the Town and is recorded in volume 6, pages 98-99 (exhibits 6 and 7).

Attorney Rugh pointed out that the southerly boundary of the easterly part of the Common was created with reference to the old southwest corner of the Brick Meeting House. In the deed it is described as an east/west line measured from 10.5' off the original corner of the building.

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Due to an expansion around 1912, the surveyor had to locate the original corner of the Brick Meeting House to affix the southerly boundary for laying out Common Road. In addition to the Beech and Curtis deeds, the surveyor used the deeds of the abutters on the south side of the Common land (exhibits 8 and 9) and a survey of the Brick Meeting House (exhibit 10).

Nanette Rogers, Town Administrator and Town Clerk, provided testimony. She stated that: 1) the laying out the highway will have no effect on the private property rights of others therefore is convenient; 2) the need for the right-of-way to install future utilities, including potential community wastewater disposal pipes that will run to a proposed community disposal field on the future Maple Shade Town Forest property; 3) given the historic presence, it's the best place to put the right-of-way, using the southerly boundary of the Town Common for the southerly line of the right-of-way; 4) the need for property owners along the south side of the common to have a public right-of-way for access to their properties; and 5) will formally lay out the highway to give a clear understanding of where the right-of-way is when it comes to receiving state aid or applying for grants. To the best of her knowledge, Nanette stated that the laying out of this highway does not take away any agricultural land or residential property, nor will it have an effect on the Grand List.

John Roberts, Road Foreman, provided testimony. He stated that establishing the right-of-way would assist with locating the centerline of the highway, therefore making it easier to maintain the road and to apply for grants.

Attorney Rugh stated that based on the evidence provided and the surveys, there is no private property involved in the highway layout so there is no evidence of damages and no need to provide damages or compensation for the lay out of the right-of-way to private property owners

Clay Wilburn stated that he recently purchased 4 Common Road and was unware that part of his front yard did not belong to him. He expressed concern with a salt stressed Maple that needs to be addressed and a perennial bed located along Common Road. Mr. Wilburn asked for confirmation that it will be the Town's responsibility to care for the tree, perennial bed and mowing of the grass in front of his property. The Town confirmed.

Mr. Wilburn asked if laying out the highway will have an effect on his tax assessment. Attorney Rugh and Nanette Rogers advised that if the acreage of his lot is changed based on the survey, the value will be adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Wilburn asked for clarification of the location of future utility lines, water lines and wastewater lines in the right-of-way. Nanette advised that the Town can place the lines anywhere within the right-of-way, which is located wholly on Town property.

There was no more testimony, questions or comments. The hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

Based on the shear fact that the right-of-way will be located entirely on Town property and the discussions that have occurred at prior meetings, as well as it making sense for the future use of the road and that the Town is not taking anyone's property, the Board felt they had enough information to proceed with a decision.

Dave Tilton made a motion that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of Westford require laying out the Common Road right-of-way as shown on the survey

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prepared by Carroll Peters and based on the testimony and evidence in the record, seconded by Casey Mathieu. Motion passed: 3-0.

SAXON HILL RIDERS/VAST

Dave Clough from Saxon Hill Riders was present to request permission for VAST (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers) trails to travel 400' on Phelps Road from Woods Hollow, 800' on Cambridge Road in the vicinity of the Woods property, and 600' on Osgood Hill Road across the Browns River bridge. Dave advised that none of these crossings are new.

Allison Hope made a motion to approve the VAST trails for snowmobile use to travel on town roads as proposed by the Saxon Hill Riders, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

MINUTES

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Allison Hope. Motion passed: 2-0.

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the October 12, 2017 minutes as amended, seconded by Allison Hope. Motion passed: 2-0.

POSTING TOWN PROPERTY ABUTTING SCHOOL PROPERTY PROHIBITING HUNTING AND TRAPPING

The printer Allison referred does not print these types of signs. Nanette has not had a chance to request quotes from other printers. The Board decided to go with the quote from Village Copy.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESIGNATION

Dave Tilton made a motion to accept with regrets Chuck McGill's resignation from the Conservation Commission, seconded by Allison Hope. Motion passed: 3-0.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Dave Tilton made a motion to appoint Lauren Gibson to the Conservation Commission as recommended by the Commission members, seconded by Allison Hope. Motion passed: 3-0.

HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL CONTRACT

Allison Hope made a motion to accept the annual agreement with the Humane Society, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

QUOTES FOR TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Nanette received a quote from Vermont Connections for two computers scheduled for replacement this fiscal year - the road foreman and the bookkeeper. The computers were quoted at \$1,195.00 each. The quote for the road foreman's computer included a security bundle at a cost of \$25.00/month. The Selectboard approved the purchase of the computers however not the security bundle. The Board would like more information on the bundle to determine if it is something that is needed.

Vermont Connections submitted a quote for wireless access points at the town office. The cost is \$2,089.00 with a monthly fee of \$40. It was noted that this expense is not in the budget however the Town's existing wireless access does not work well. The Board decided to hold off on this expense.

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The existing server's warranty expires at the end of this year. Vermont Connections supplied a quote to extend the warranty for one year. The extension would provide the Town with time to research its options regarding where to store data (server or Cloud). The cost to extend the warranty is \$524.21. The Board approved the expense.

ROAD SCHEDULE

Allison Hope made a motion to approve the November 11, 2017 through December 11, 2017 Road Schedule, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

The Chair signed an excess weight permit for Structure Wood Corporation.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL WARRANTS

The Board approved the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

FY'18 DRAFT BUDGET

The Board reviewed the draft highway budget with John. John advised that the excavator is due to be replaced. He would like to hold off on the replacement and purchase a chipper instead.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence discussed.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Mathieu, Chair Selectboard

Nanette Rogers Town Administrator