District Certcode 0810-0

# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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

We, the members of the legislative body of WOLCOTT

in LAMOILLE

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	1402288888888888888888888888888888888888	188882558888888888	**************************************	0.000	
Class 2	10.650			10.650	0.000	
Class 3	38.19	1750.68 KAA		38.9438	87 0.000	
State Highway	7.023	KAA		7.023	0.000	
Total	55.863			56.543	0.000	S.M.
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7.42 \* Class 4

\* Legal Trail

\* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total by K. Alley (VTrans)

#### PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE

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1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening". +0,30 mi CL3 TH-50 (Pinnacle Ln) new rd.

Received

FEB 18 2020

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

Policy, Planning & Intermodel Development Division

- 3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting), 0.38 mi CL4 TH-10 (Reed Rd) reclassified as CL3
- 4. SCENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

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

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

T/C/V Clerk Signature: Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature. Date Filed:

Jebruary 6, 2030

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

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

APPROVED:

E-SIGNED by Johnathan Croft on 2020-10-08 08:25:37 EDT

*DATE:* October 08, 2020

#### **Vermont Statutes Annotated**

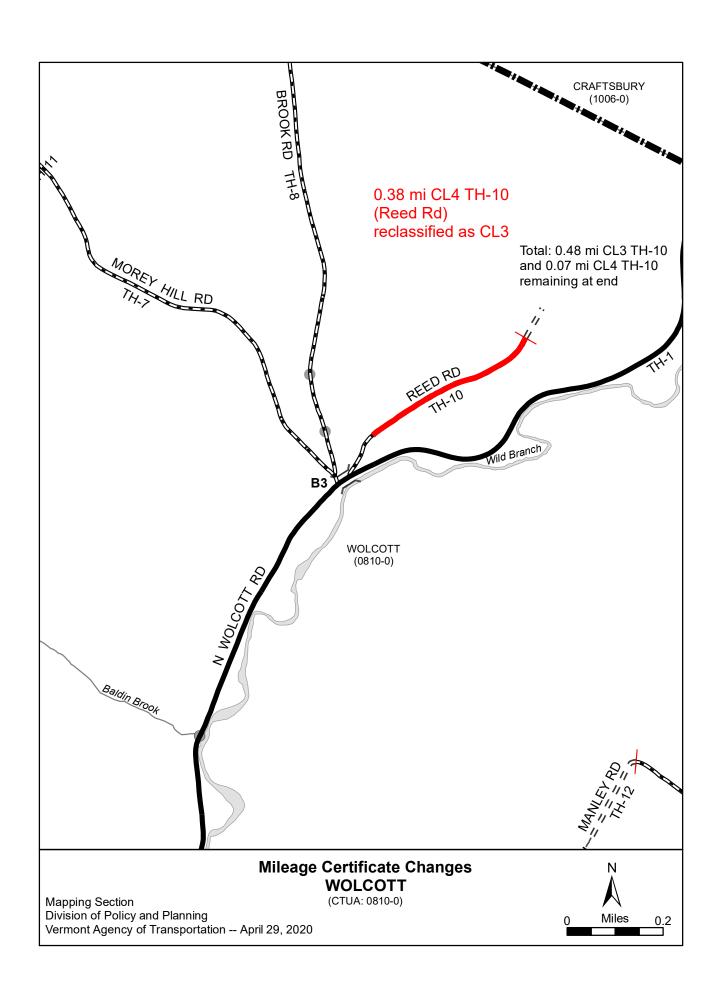
# 19 V.S.A. § 305. Measurement and inspection

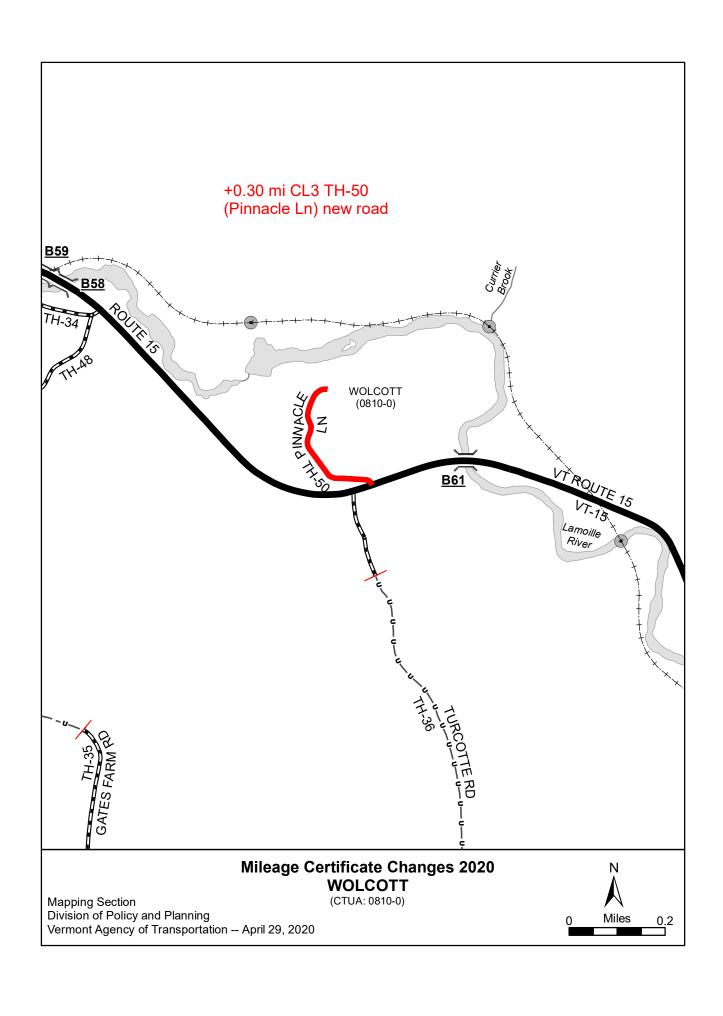
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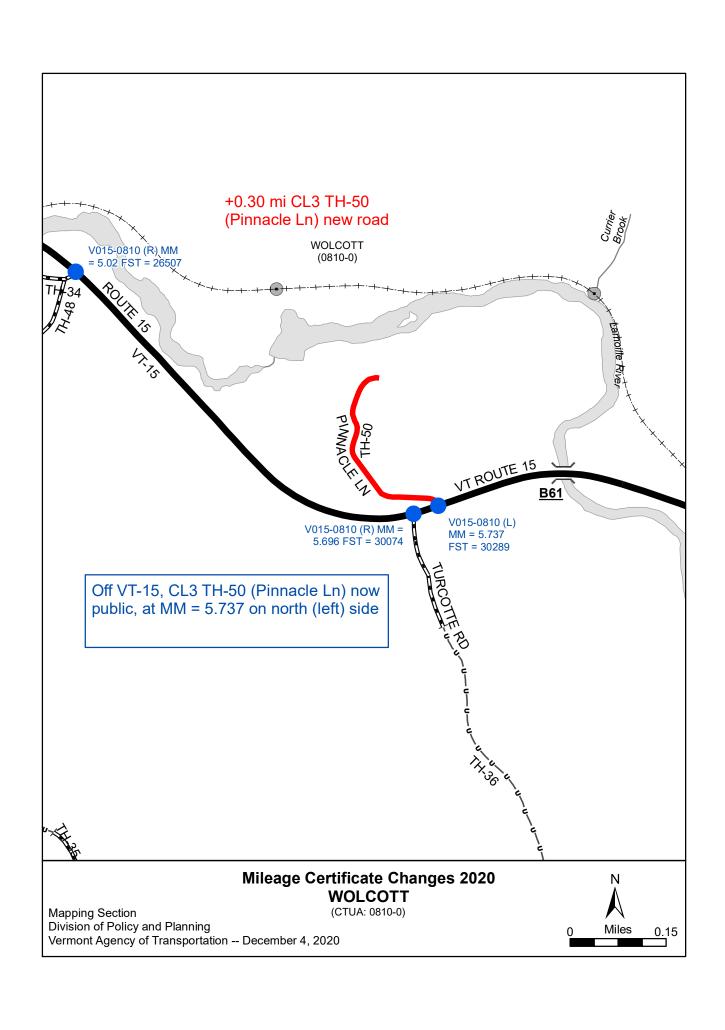
- (a) After reasonable notice to the selectboard, a representative of the agency may measure and inspect the class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each town to verify the accuracy of the records on file with the agency. Upon request, the selectboard or their designee shall be permitted to accompany the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

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

December 2019







# CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION and OPENING of a HIGHWAY for PUBLIC TRAVEL

VTrans Use Only
Certificate Year: 2020
Highway Class:
Town Highway #:
Mileage: 0/30

Linda J. Martin Clerk of the (City/Town/Village) (Clerk's Name) Wolcott Vermont. (City/Town/Vilage Name) Pursuant to Title 19, V.S.A., Chapter 7, this is to certify that the following described section of Class of Wolcott
(City/Town/Village Name) was COMPLETED AND OPENED (City/Town/Village) FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL on August 7, 2019 DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY: (Include road name and intersecting town highway numbers) PINNACLE LANE .30 mile TH#50 & VT Rte 15 and as shown on a Highway Map of the (City/Town/Village) \_\_\_\_\_, and filed in Book \_\_\_\_\_\_(Book #) (City/Town/Village Name) incorporated herein by reference and attested to on said map by said \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_\_(County Name) Wolcott Lamoille Dated at and State of Vermont, (City/Town/Village Name) February day of **BOARD** (Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature) ALDERMAN, (Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature) (Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature) (Manager/Mayor Signature) Wolcott \_, VERMONT (City/Town/Village Name) THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE DESCRIPTION OF CLASS HIGHWAY COMPLETED AND OPENED OF THE Highway FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL, RECORDED IN BOOK ON THE Sth (Page #) (Date – Day) OF THE Town Wolcott (City/Town/Village Name)
11:15
O'CLOCK, A.M. Revision 12/2014 ,VERMONT

# CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION and OPENING of a HIGHWAY for PUBLIC TRAVEL

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Certificate Year:
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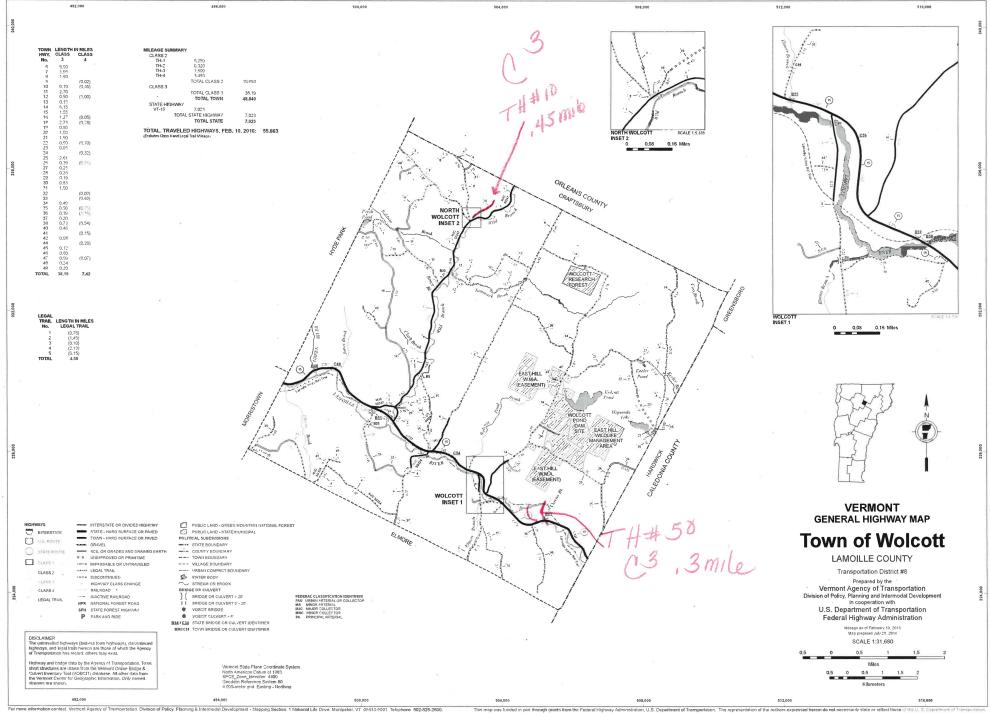
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CL4 to CL3, reclassification Linda J. Martin Town Clerk of the (City/Town/Village) Wolcott , Vermont. (City/Town/Vilage Name) Pursuant to Title 19, V.S.A., Chapter 7, this is to certify that the following described section of Class of Wolcott was COMPLETED AND OPENED (City/Town/Village Name) FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL on DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY: (Include road name and intersecting town highway numbers) REED ROAD .45 miles Reed Road intersects with the North Wolcott Rd .45 miles from a C4 road to a C3 road and as shown on a Highway Map of the (City/Town/Village) , and filed in Book (Book #) Clerk of said incorporated herein by reference and attested to on said map by said

(City/Town/Village) Clerk. Dated at Wolcott and State of Vermont, (City/Town/Village Name) 5th day of **BOARD** OF (Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature) SELECTMEN, ALDERMAN (Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature) or TRUSTEES (Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature) (Manager/Mayor Signature) and the Manager/Mayor of the City/Town/Village of Wolcott , VERMONT (City/Town/Village Name) THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE DESCRIPTION OF CLASS \_\_\_\_ HIGHWAY COMPLETED AND OPENED ON PAGE 278-79 OF THE Highway FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL, RECORDED IN BOOK ON THE 17 (Date – Day) City/Town/Village Name)

O'CLOCK, A .M. (City/Town/Village) , AT 8:15 (City/Town/Village Name) Revision 12/2014 **VERMONT** (City/Town/Village (City/Town/Village Name)



# Alley, Kerry

From:

Alley, Kerry

Sent:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:06 PM

To:

Allison Bigelow

Subject:

RE: Reed Road amendment for mileage certification

Thank you very much!

The amendment will be filed with the 2020 Certificate.

I hope you are able to get out and enjoy a bit of the next few days!

Kerry

Original Attachment(s) of message below:

---<<20200511103431.pdf>>

From: Allison Bigelow <atc@wolcottvt.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Alley, Kerry <Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov>

Subject: Reed Road amendment for mileage certification

#### EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

Here is the amendment we talked about for the Reed Road in the Town of Wolcott correcting the highway mileage.

Linda Martin Wolcott Selectboard Town of Wolcott 802-888-2746

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STATE OF VERMONT
COUNTY OF LAMOILLE

TOWN OF WOLCOTT



#### **SELECTBOARD'S REPORT**

#### OF THE HEARING TO RECLASSIFY

#### A PUBLIC HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT

WHEREAS the Selectboard did cause a Notice of hearing dated October 2, 2018 to be sent to each landowner and any other party having an interest in the proceedings in question by certified mail, return receipt requested, and did further cause said notice to be published on October 11, 2018 in the News & Citizen, Inc.. a paper of general circulation within Wolcott at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on November 7, 2018.

Said highway is bounded by the following who are either property owners or have an interest in property adjoining the highway:

Kevin and Jerry Fiske

Clyde and Donna Gardner

Richard Gravel

Marcel and Kimberly Gravel

Marcel and Barbara Gravel

Richard and Lee Lee

**Robin Miller** 

Lori Phelps

Clifton and Rhoda Reed

**Andrew and Deanna Staples** 

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**Union Bank** 

**North Country Federal Credit Union** 

Merchants Bank

Quicken Loans, Inc.

**Wolcott Planning Commission** 

Whereas the Selectboard of Wolcott did meet at Town Highway No. 10, Reed Road, on November 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., local time, for the purpose of examining the premises.

Whereas the Selectboard of Wolcott did meet on November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., local time, to hear parties interested and to hear evidence to determine if the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Wolcott require that a portion of the highway be reclassified from a Class IV Highway to a Class III Highway and that a surveyed turn around at the end of the road be deeded to the Town of Wolcott.

And Whereas, at Wolcott pursuant to the authority of Title 19 Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Selectpersons of the Town of Wolcott were of the opinion that the convenience of the inhabitants require that a certain portion of the public highway known as the entire Class IV Section of Reed Road, Town Highway No. 10 which is approximately .38 miles in length be designated as a Class III Highway.

The Selectboard found that the .38 mile portion of the highway was brought up to Class III standards.

The Selectboard found that seven families live on the road, all of whom pay taxes to the town and who use the road during all seasons of the year.

The Selectboard found that the town road crew would be able to plow and maintain the road.

The Selectboard made it a condition of its approval and acceptance of the change of a portion of the Class IV to a Class III road that the petitioners provide a surveyed and deeded right to a turn around at the end of the road and it is directed that the change of classification approved herein will not take effect until the deeded turn around is in place. The condition having been accomplished and a deeded turn around filed in the land records the Selectboard approved the reclassification at a duly warned meeting on August 7, 2019.

The purpose of this amendment is reflect calculations provided by the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

It is therefore ordered by the Selectboard that the 0.38 mile portion of the Class IV section of Reed Road which runs from the terminus of the existing Class III road be changed to a Class III road. The 0.10 section of Reed Road (Town Highway No. 10) beyond the turn around shall remain a class IV road.

Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this day of May, 2020.

Selectboard, Town of Wolcott

# Alley, Kerry

From:	Alley, Ker	ry			
Sent:	Wednesd	ay, April 1, 2020 12:1	3 PM		
To:	Linda Ma	rtin			
Subject:	RE: Reed	Road - TH#10 - Wold	cott		
No worries! Thanks agai	in Linda				
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From: Linda Martin <lind Sent: Wednesday, April</lind 		ard@gmail.com>			
To: Alley, Kerry < Kerry.A	lley@vermont.gov>	>			
Subject: Re: Reed Road -	TH#10 - Wolcott				
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On Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at	1:24 PM Alley, Keri	ry < Kerry. Alley@vern	nont.gov> wrote:		
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Thank you!					
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Hi Kerry, As I mentioned our attorney said we can write up an amendment to the Selectboard's Report of the Hearing to Reclassify a public highway to file in the land records.

The Selectboard did voted to approve an amendment: Reed Road - past the .10 mile entrance (already C3) to a C3 until the end of the turn around and have the additional portion stay as a C4 road.

From your notes it looks like .10 miles has been a class 3 road. .38 miles additionally would bring it to the end of the turn around. .07 miles would extend as a C4 to the boundary of Richard Gravel and Marcel Gravel. Am I reading this correctly? According to our VTrans highway map the total length or Reed Road is .55 miles.

The town has a quit claim deed owning the turnaround for the highway trucks to turn around.

Can you please confirm my calculation is correct? Thanks

Linda Martin

**Wolcott Selectboard** 

**PO Box 100** 

28 Railroad Street

888-2746

888-2669 fax

498-8533 cell

website: Wolcottvt.org

# Alley, Kerry

From:

Alley, Kerry

Sent:

Friday, March 20, 2020 1:02 PM

To:

Town of Wolcott

Subject:

RE: Wolcott - Highway mileage

Thanks for keeping me posted Linda!

Kerry

From: Town of Wolcott <wolcott@pshift.com>

**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 12:06 PM **To:** Alley, Kerry < Kerry. Alley@vermont.gov>

Subject: Wolcott - Highway mileage

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Kerry, I have contacted our attorney and he said he can write up an amendment to our report of highway opening. The board was suppose to meet Wednesday but it has been moved until Monday evening. I need to ask the board what they want to do? Extend the mileage as a C3 or keep it as a C4 after the turn around. I will get back in touch when I have an answer.

Linda J. Martin, Selectboard PO Box 100 28 Railroad Street Wolcott, VT 05680 888-2746

## Alley, Kerry

From:

Alley, Kerry

Sent:

Friday, March 20, 2020 11:46 AM

To:

'wolcott@pshift.com'

**Subject:** 

RE: End location of Reed Rd (Wolcott TH-10)?

Hello Linda,

I hope you are doing well, and that everything is going as smoothly as possible in Wolcott as everyone adjusts to some pretty dramatic changes!

I'm hoping that you can give me enough information so that I can make a final decision about how to map the portion of Reed Rd beyond the surveyed turn-around (the pink square on map sent previously). If that segment is public, and it is the Town's intention that it be class 3 for the entire length as shown by the parcel data on the same map referenced above, then another possibility is for us to designate that segment as "provisional class 3". With that designation, we could include the mileage in the class 3 totals. That designation would be temporary, however, unless the Town was able to provide documentation that the segment was legally class 3, at which time we would map the segment as fully class 3.

Let me know what you think,

Kerry

From: Alley, Kerry

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:17 PM

To: 'wolcott@pshift.com' <wolcott@pshift.com>
Subject: RE: End location of Reed Rd (Wolcott TH-10)?

Hi Linda,

I received your phone message this morning, but I didn't have the chance to think about your questions until now. The first thing I should say is that the Town's decisions regarding how to proceed should be based on establishing legal clarity that won't be easily misinterpreted in future contexts (when nobody will remember what really happened or what was said during the reclassification). On one level that's obvious, but helpful to keep it in mind.

Some things for Wolcott to think about are:

- 1. Where is the legal end of TH-10?
- 2. Does the Town want the entire length of TH-10 to be class 3, or just up to a particular location (i.e. the surveyed turnaround)?
- 3. Is the existing turnaround (i.e. a physical location used by maintenance vehicles) in the location surveyed? If not, is it temporary or permanent? Did it already exist at the time of the reclassification?

The way to proceed depends on the answers to those questions. From my brief conversation with Eric Furs, I got the impression that the turnaround might not be located where surveyed, and that it might instead be located near the end of the road as outlined by the parcel data.

If there is a section of TH-10 beyond the surveyed turnaround with "unclear" (class 3 vs class 4) status, then one possibility would be to make it "Provisional Class 3" so that the town can receive funding for that segment while the details are being worked through. We would want to know what the Town plans to do and feel confident that it is legally

clear, and then we would show it on the Map as fully class 3 once that had been accomplished. Provisional class 3 status would be temporary until the Town demonstrates that the class 3 status is clear.

If that one suggestion isn't relevant, then the questions I listed will help figure out the next steps.

I should be in the office Friday after 10 am if you want to call me back.

Kerry

Original Attachment(s) of message below:

---<<Wolcott TH10 endpoint.pdf>>

--- << Mileage Certificates Wolcott 1975.pdf>>

---<<Wolcott Act63 FormHPM.pdf>>

From: Alley, Kerry

Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 11:19 AM

To: 'wolcott@pshift.com' < wolcott@pshift.com > Subject: End location of Reed Rd (Wolcott TH-10)?

Attached: Wolcott\_TH10\_endpoint.pdf MileageCertificates\_Wolcott\_1975.pdf Wolcott\_Act63\_FormHPM.pdf

Hello Linda,

Congratulations on being elected to the Selectboard! I'm relieved to know you will still be around. I'm processing Wolcott's 2020 Mileage Certificate, and would like to verify the legal endpoint of Reed Rd (TH-10) in order to confirm the total mileage. We only have inventory notes detailing the 0.10 mi class 3 section at the beginning of the road, and the mileage we have on record for the entire road doesn't match the measure of TH-10 up to the turnaround.

I've attached a map of the end of Reed Rd (TH-10), and the turnaround is shown as indicated by the lat/long coordinates shown for one point on the turnaround survey. The measure of Reed Rd to the far side of the turnaround is 0.48 mi, but we have been mapping Reed Rd as extending beyond that location, for a total of 0.55 mi up to the line separating the properties of Richard Gravel and Marcel & Kimberly Gravel.

Does the Town have more information about where Reed Rd legally ends? Is this a case where the official mileage isn't accurate, or was the turnaround created before the end of the road? Is there a possibility that there is class 4 highway remaining beyond the turnaround?

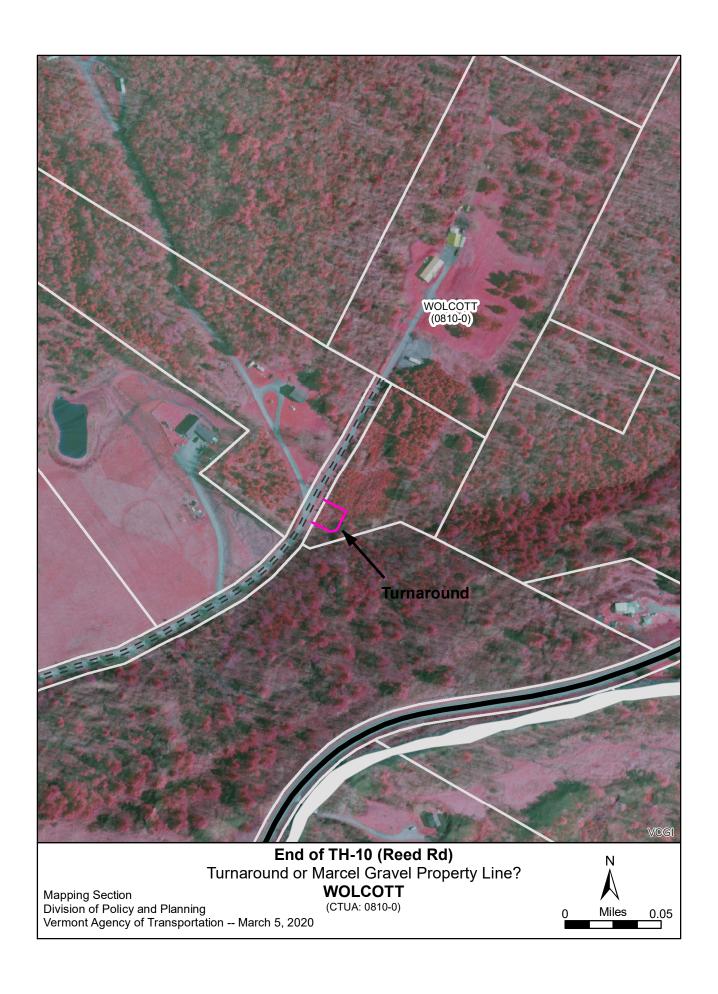
This might be a challenging question to answer, given the long history of TH-10. Does the Town have the original documents laying out the highway, or historic property surveys referring to the end of TH-10?

I also noticed a sticky note attached to the documentation provided with the Certificate with the question of when part of TH-10 became class 3. Here's what I found: 0.10 mi became class 3 due to an Act 63 field reclassification in 1974, and was processed on the 1975 Certificate (attached). In general, Act 63 reclassifications changed traveled local roads to class 3 and untraveled roads became class 4. It seems that straight forward reclassifications were handled one year, and that further Act 63 adjustments were made on the 1975 Certificate after a field inventory and field reclassifications occurred. The Act 63 changes from both years are detailed on the Act63 HPM forms attached.

Thanks in advance for your help answering my questions about the legal length of TH-10,

Kerry

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



# Wolcott-Act 63-FormHPM.pdf

Form HPM 11.25.59 (rev. 1969) State of Vermont Department of Highways Highway Planning Division MILEAGE CHANGES

DUE TO 19 2/ REPEASUREMENT

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Form HPM 11.25.59 (rev. 1969) State of Vermont Department of Highways Highway Planning Division

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# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes September 19, 2018

All Minutes are draft until approved by the Selectboard. Please see future Minutes for approval of these Minutes.

Members Present:

Eric Furs, Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee, Jennifer

Holton-Clapp

Town Employees:

Linda Martin, Belinda Clegg

Public:

Pat Thompson, Vernon Thompson, Daniel C. Moseley, Amy Davidson.

Kurt Klein, Linda Brady, Monica Cross, Jim Robert, Bill Cotten, Chad Roy, Maria Stadtmueller, Bruce Wheeler, Don Lowell, Dolly

Holton, Dan Noyes

Guest:

Ryan Murphy, Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC)

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: A request was received to rent Town Hall for a joint fundraiser by Wolcott UM Church and Ballet Wolcott for a Harvest Supper on November 3, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. No alcohol will be served. Motion by Eric to approve the request with the fee being waived. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Request to Reclassify Reed Road - Process: [Kim recued herself for this agenda item.]
Reed Road is currently a town road of which .10 mile is Class 3 and .45 mile is Class 4. The request is to have the Class 4 section reclassified to a Class 3, that a turnaround be created, and the Town maintains the road. After speaking with attorney Dick Sargent, Linda Martin reported the procedure for reclassifying a road which is covered by State Statute. The Selectboard may act on its own, or may proceed with a Petition containing names of at least five percent of legal voters. The law also requires that a date and time be set to examine the road, with thirty day notice, sent by certified mail, to anyone whose land abuts the road. The Selectboard would then be required to hold a public hearing to take comments. Notice of that meeting must be published in the newspaper at least ten days prior to the hearing. The Selectboard would then make a decision. Mr. Sargent told Linda there are two ways for a turnaround to be created on the road: 1) by written easement, or 2) the property could be given to the Town. Either way, a survey would have to be done.

The last road to be reclassified as a Town road was Apixia Way. Discussion included concern for adding workload to the Highway Department. <u>Motion by Eric to examine Reed Road on Saturday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m., with the public hearing scheduled during the Selectboard meeting on Wednesday, November 7, which begins at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.</u>

**Municipal Planning Grant:** Ryan Murphy, GIS Planner with LCPC, informed the Selectboard of an opportunity to take part in a grant that could potentially result in reduced flood insurance premiums. LCPC would serve as the agent for the grant. No cash match is involved. The Town would get a report stating any savings that might be available. The Selectboard could then decide how to proceed. Motion by Eric for the Selectboard to sign the document presented for the Town to be included in the grant. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Eric asked that the word "homeowner's" be stricken from the second paragraph under Old Business. <u>Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2018 Minutes as amended. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.</u>

Comments from the Community: Maria Stadtmueller, East Hill Road, informed the Selectboard that East Hill Road is littered with trash. She would like to see signs posted reminding folks not to litter, and have fines imposed. The position of the Sheriff's Department is it is difficult to enforce littering. Eric will contact Dan Noyes to inquire about any State program, and will talk with Skip in the Highway Department. Chad Roy, Cross Road, added that his road often becomes the dumping ground for animal carcasses.

**Junk Ordinance Review Committee:** The Town has received multiple complaints from citizens about properties that appear to violate the Junk, Junk Vehicle, and Solid Waste Ordinance. The Review Committee confirmed what was reported. Letters will be sent by certified mail to landowners informing them of the violation. The State is working with a couple other landowners in Town on junk-related issues. <u>Motion by Eric to sign the letters on behalf of the Selectboard.</u> Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Schoolhouse Restoration Committee:** The full Committee was present to follow-up on the request to get a Letter of Support from the Town to be included with their Historical Preservation Grant application due October 1. Monica Cross presented a 26-page document, "Timeline & Responses," which she reviewed with the Selectboard. Eric indicated the document will be made a part of the public record.

Michael reminded Monica that he had offered to meet with her at Town Offices the night before, but she did not take the opportunity. Concerns were expressed about stringent historic preservation standards being imposed through this grant. It was also brought up that the building needs a new roof. One taxpayer expressed concern that only a small number of residents attend the Selectboard meetings, and if there is going to be a big capital project, taxpayers need an idea of the cost. As part of the 2016 Old Schoolhouse Assessment, the architect's report with cost breakdowns can be accessed on the Town's website. The Selectboard was pleased to hear expressed that Wolcott's Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library could be housed in the restored building instead of at the Elementary School. The Survey Monkey questionnaire that was started two years ago can still be accessed on the Town's website [Community Resources].

Motion by Jenn for the Selectboard to provide a Letter of Support to the Committee to be included in their grant application. If awarded, money for the Town's portion of roof repairs could come from undesignated funds in the General Fund. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 2 opposed.

#### **New Business:**

The Selectboard reviewed and signed pre-approved orders.

The Selectboard congratulated Rev. Pat Thompson for the placement of the Wolcott UM Church on the State Register of Historic Places. Rev. Pat indicated they will also apply to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

Old Business: Motion by Eric to table the matter of the Lanphere lease until the next meeting. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

## **Review Correspondence:**

LCSD activity report for August reviewed.

The Selectboard was invited to attend a Lamoille Economic Development Corporation luncheon.

Kee Gillen was appointed Town Coordinator for 2019 Green Up Day.

The Selectboard noted that budget requests have gone out.

**Motion to Adjourn:** <u>Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.</u>

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2018

#### STATE OF VERMONT

#### COUNTY OF LAMOILLE, SS.

#### TOWN OF WOLCOTT

#### NOTICE OF HEARING TO RECLASSIFY A TOWN HIGHWAY

Pursuant to the authority of Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Selectboard of the Town of Wolcott hereby directs that an inspection of the site be done and a hearing be held to determine if the public good, necessity, and convenience of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wolcott require that the following highway be reclassified from a Class IV Highway to a Class III Highway, viz:

Being all of the Class IV Section of Reed Road, Town Highway No. 10, along the entire length of the Class IV Section which is approximately .45 miles in length. Plus a surveyed turn around at the end of the road.

Said highway is bouncied by the following who are either property owners or have an interest in property adjoining said highway.

Kevin and Jerry Fiske

Clyde and Donna Gardner

Richard Gravel

Marcel and Kimberly Gravel

Marcel and Barbara Gravel

Richard and Lea Lee

Robin Miller

Lori Phelps

Clifton and Rhoda Reed

Andrew and Deanna Staples

Flynt Wein

Union Bank

North Country Federal Credit Union

Merchants Bank

Quicken Loans, inc.

Wolcott Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Selectboard of the Town of Wolcott will meet at Town Highway #10, Reed Road, on November 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., local time, for the purpose of examining the premises and on November 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., to hear parties interested, and hear evidence to determine if the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Wolcott require that the highway be reclassified from a Class IV Highway to a Class III Highway and a surveyed turn around at the end of the road be deeded to the town.

Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this \_\_\_\_ day of October 2018.

Selegipersons Town of Wolcott

#### **STATE OF VERMONT**

#### **COUNTY OF LAMOILLE**

#### TOWN OF WOLCOTT

#### SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

#### OF THE HEARING TO RECLASSIFY

#### A PUBLIC HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT

WHEREAS the Selectboard did cause a Notice of hearing dated October 2, 2018 to be sent to each landowner and any other party having an interest in the proceedings in question by certified mail, return receipt requested, and did further cause said notice to be published on October 11, 2018 in the News & Citizen, Inc.. a paper of general circulation within Wolcott at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on November 7, 2018.

Said highway is bounded by the following who are either property owners or have an interest in property adjoining the highway:

Kevin and Jerry Fiske

Clyde and Donna Gardner

**Richard Gravel** 

**Marcel and Kimberly Gravel** 

Marcel and Barbara Gravel

Richard and Lee Lee

**Robin Miller** 

Lori Phelps

Clifton and Rhoda Reed

Andrew and Deanna Staples

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**Wolcott Planning Commission** 

Whereas the Selectboard of Wolcott did meet at Town Highway No. 10, Reed Road, on November 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., local time, for the purpose of examining the premises.

Whereas the Selectboard of Wolcott did meet on November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., local time, to hear parties interested and to hear evidence to determine if the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Wolcott require that the highway be reclassified from a Class IV Highway to a Class III Highway and that a surveyed turn around at the end of the road be deeded to the Town of Wolcott.

And Whereas, at Wolcott pursuant to the authority of Title 19 Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Selectpersons of the Town of Wolcott were of the opinion that the convenience of the inhabitants require that a certain public highway known as the entire Class IV Section of Reed Road, Town Highway No. 10 which is approximately .45 miles in length be designated as a Class III Highway.

The Selectboard found that the highway was brought up to Class III standards.

The Selectboard found that seven families live on the road, all of whom pay taxes to the town and who use the road during all seasons of the year.

The Selectboard found that the town road crew would be able to plow and maintain the road.

The Selectboard made it a condition of its approval and acceptance of the change from a Class IV to a Class III road that the petitioners provide a surveyed and deeded right to a turn around at the end of the road and it is directed that the change of classification approved herein will not take effect until the deeded turn around is in place. The condition having been accomplished and a deeded turn around filed in the land records the Selectboard approved the reclassification at a duly warned meeting on August 7, 2019.

It is therefore ordered by the Selectboard that the Class IV section of Town Highway No. 10 "Reed Road" be change to Class III.

Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this W day of September

Selectboard, Town of Wolcott

# Wolcott Selectboard Special Meeting Examination of Reed Road Minutes

# November 3, 2018

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Present:

Eric Furs, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee [Kimberly Gravel appears as a

citizen rather than Selectboard member.]

Absent:

Jennifer Holton-Clapp

Town Employee:

Skip Patten

Public:

Kimberly Gravel, Marcel D. Gravel, Marcel G. Gravel, Flynt Wein, Dave

Holton

The Selectboard Special Meeting for the purpose of examining Reed Road began at 10:00 a.m. at the top of Reed Road. Comments will be taken at a subsequent public hearing.

At the September 19, 2018 Selectboard meeting, a request was made to reclassify Reed Road to a Town road. Reed Road is currently a private road of which a portion is Class 3 and .45 mile is Class 4. The request was to have the Class 4 section upgraded to a Class 3, that a turnaround be created, and the Town maintain the road.

Kim pointed out to the group that improvements had been made to the road and ditches. They intend for the road to be graded one more time, but that was delayed due to rain.

Skip pointed out stakes he had set in the ground marking the area designated for the turnaround. As designed, the turnaround is large enough for a truck and trailer. Should the Town take over the road, it would be plowed up to this point. Final work on the turnaround has also been delayed due to rain. If not completed before winter, the Town can use as a turnaround a spot of land by Kim's house.

The group proceeded down the road to view ditches and culverts. Runoff was discussed.

It was agreed that four or five rock dams would be added along the road. More work will be done on an area down the road from the Phelps house. Some vegetation and any high spots will be removed and a slope created to better accommodate runoff and protect the side of the road from washing out. Skip and Flynt Wein discussed the culvert by his driveway.

The special meeting ended at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein.

The next Selectboard meeting will be November 7, 2018

# **Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes** November 7, 2018

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Present:

Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee, Eric Furs

Absent:

Jennifer Holton-Clapp

Town Employees:

Linda Martin, Belinda Clegg, Skip Patten, Tom Martin, Deb Klein

Public:

Flynt Wein, Clyde Gardner, Donna Gardner, Lori Phelps, John Wheeler,

Kurt Klein, Marcel D. Gravel, Marcel G. Gravel, Bill Cotten, Richard

Gravel

Guest:

Tyler Billingsley, East Engineering

Reporter:

Doug McClure, Hardwick Gazette

Kim called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## Amendments to the Agenda:

Planning Commission - The Selectboard received a letter of resignation from Jeremy Foster-Fell for medical reasons. Motion by Kim to accept Jeremy's resignation from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Wolcott United Methodist Church - The church has been placed on the Vermont State Register of Historic Places.

Fire Department - The Fire Department is recruiting volunteers. Eric contacted Jim Holton about having a table at Town Meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING RECLASSIFYING REED ROAD from C4 to C3**

[Kim recused herself from this item on the Agenda.] A site visit was conducted on November 3. 2018 and the road was inspected by Skip, Highway Foreman. In Skip's opinion the needed road work has been completed with the exception of the turnaround. The turnaround was delayed due to rain. If the turnaround cannot be completed this year, Skip indicated there is a space at the top of Reed Road that can be used this winter.

Richard Gravel will retain ownership of the area designated for the turnaround, but will provide to the Town a deed granting permanent highway easement to the Town.

There were no comments from the community. Motion by Eric to accept the reclassification of Reed Road from a Class 4 to Class 3 road as being in the best interest of the Town by improving road standards and by serving seven taxpayers, contingent upon the Town getting the deed as discussed from Richard Gravel. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Maintenance of the road by the Town will begin upon acceptance of the deed granting the easement.

Budget Discussion - Cotten & Wheeler: Bill Cotten and John Wheeler provided the Selectboard with a five-page document as a supplement to their presentation. They identified three priorities for the Town: 1) the School Street bridge; 2) an Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard; and 3) having a long-range plan. It was suggested that a public meeting be scheduled to allow townspeople an opportunity to engage in a big-picture discussion. The Board thanked the men for their input and indicated the Board will meet with them prior to the budget for next year being finalized.

#### **BUDGET HEARINGS**

Planning & Zoning: Tom Martin submitted a written budget request of \$10,500. Last year's budget was \$10,350. Motion by Eric to approve the budget request as presented. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Tom will present to the Selectboard at a future meeting information on the fee schedule used by P&Z. Motion by Eric to continue with the \$40 fee for the posting of a sign until a new fee schedule can be considered. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Lister:** Deb Klein and Tom Martin presented a packet of information to the Selectboard regarding goals for the Lister office and proposed budget for next year. The Lister budget discussion was tabled until a December meeting when more information can be presented regarding GIS mapping. Motion by Kim to assign E9-1-1 duties to the Listers. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 opposed [Eric not present for vote.]

**Percy - Notice of Violation—Junk Ordinance:** Leonard and Kimberley Percy were notified to attend tonight's Selectboard meeting to discuss why they have not followed up on the promise they made to clean up their property. They did not appear. <u>Motion by Kim to have a letter of violation and notice of fine sent to the Percy's. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.</u>

Tyler Billingsley - Bids and Contract: Tyler presented to the Selectboard for signature a lease agreement with VTrans for a 130 foot bridge that will serve as a temporary bridge on School Street. Tyler reported that three contractors submitted bids for installation of the temporary bridge. The low bid was AI St Onge of Montgomery at \$131,000. The Blow & Cote bid was \$157,700. CCS Contracting bid \$193,000. Tyler stated that AI St Onge could start work tomorrow. Skip pointed out that Flat Iron Road flooded last Saturday, so it is preferable to get the work completed as soon as possible. Skip and Tyler agreed that the approaches to the temporary bridge will need to be blacktopped. The AI St Onge bid includes blacktop. Motion by Kim to sign the contract with AI St Onge for \$131,000 to serve as the contractor for the installation of the temporary bridge on School Street. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Rental of the temporary bridge is \$202 per month. Tyler pointed out that a rental fee from VTrans is much lower than from private companies.

The Selectboard and Linda discussed funding for the installation of the temporary bridge and the eventual permanent bridge. Tyler estimated a new bridge could cost between one and two million dollars. Motion by Kim to authorize Linda to get bids for a loan of \$150,000 for a term of 5 years. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion by Eric to amend the agenda to discuss the Town Report now instead of under New Business. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Town Report:** Belinda and the Selectboard discussed issues surrounding the Town Report. The estimated cost of the Town's portion of the report is \$2,175.

Comments from the Community: None.

**Approval of Minutes:** The November 3, 2018 Minutes of the Special Meeting should read attendance as "Marcel D. Gravel, Marcel G. Gravel." <u>Motion by Eric to accept the November 3, 2018 Minutes of the Special Meeting as amended, and accept the Minutes of the October 17, 2018 Minutes as written. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.</u>

#### **New Business:**

Appointment of Wastewater Committee - To comply with a grant requirement, a Wastewater Committee must be formed. Motion by Michael to mandate formation of the Wastewater Committee. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed. The Committee will be comprised of Linda Martin, Eric Furs, Jennifer Holton-Clapp, Jim Ryan, Bruce Wheeler, and Jim Mahoney. Eric will contact Fred Martin to see if he will serve on the Committee as well.

Town Hall Permit - Motion by Michael to grant a permit to rent Town Hall for a birthday party on December 9, 2018. Seconded by Richard. Voting 4 in favor, 0 opposed. No alcohol.

Tax Sale Property - Linda informed the Board that the Town acquired property located on East Hill Road at the last tax sale. Since the property is currently occupied, the Town attorney will be consulted on the best procedure to follow before taking it over.

Review & sign pre-approved orders - Done.

#### Old Business:

Wolcott Athletic Association - Linda informed the Selectboard that the audit is now complete for the WAA. <u>Motion by Eric to accept the written budget of \$2,000 for the Wolcott Athletic</u> Association. Seconded by Richard. <u>Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.</u>

Bus Barn - Eric will contact Skip regarding the status of the Bus Barn. It will be posted "No Trespassing."

#### **Review Correspondence:**

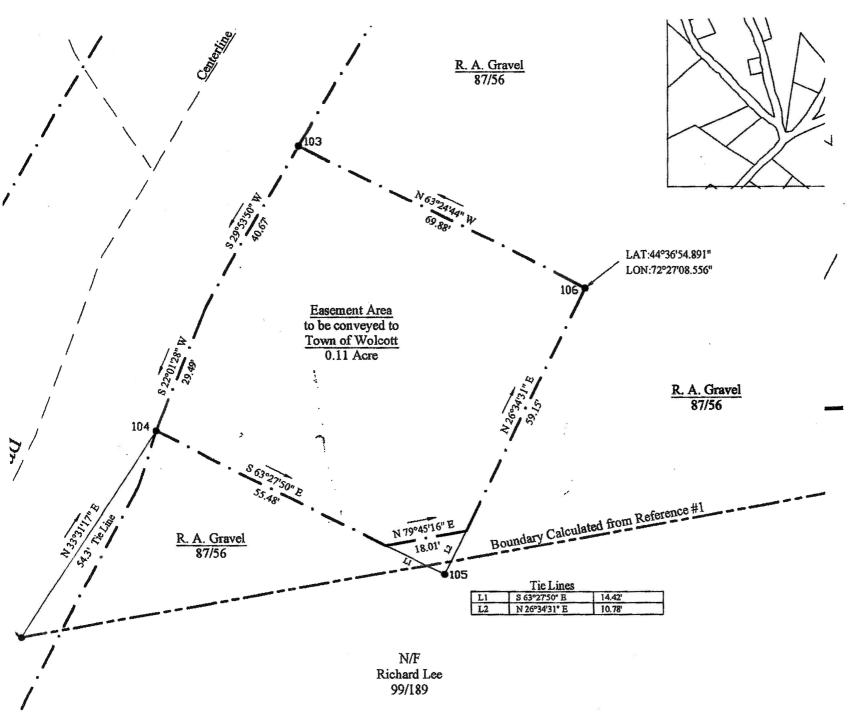
Communication Budget meeting - The Selectboard will determine whether anyone is available to attend.

Efficiency lighting - The street lights are now complete.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2018



The recordable mylar plat conforms with 27 VSA 1403. Survey information is based on a total station survey and is consistent, except as noted, with previous surveys field

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes

# August 7, 2019

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Present:

Eric Furs, Richard Lee, Michael Davidson, Jennifer Holton-Clapp

Absent:

Kimberly Gravel

Town Employees:

Linda Martin, Allison Bigelow, Skip Patten, Bernard Earle

Public:

Lucian Gravel, Kurt Klein, Linda Brady, Bill Cotten, Monica Cross, Greg

Williams, John Wheeler, Chad Roy, Jim Paradee

Reporter:

Doug McClure, Hardwick Gazette

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

#### Amendments to the Agenda:

**Contract with Auditors:** The board reviewed the document from Fothergill, Segale & Valley, CPA, outlining contractual requirements for conducting a Town audit. <u>Motion by Richard to approve the document for signature. Seconded by Michael. Voting: All in favor.</u>

Road Crew: Jim Paradee is available to assist the Highway Department with grading Town roads until a permanent employee is hired. Jim will contact Michael to discuss whether Jim will work as a Town employee or as an independent contractor, and what his rate of pay would be.

**Letter from Tom Martin:** The letter received from Tom Martin was made a part of the record. Michael advised the board had previously approved a salary adjustment for Tom Martin as lead lister. Motion by Michael to set the hourly salary of lead lister to \$17. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

## **Comments from the Community:**

Chad Roy stated the School House Restoration Committee would like to be on the Agenda for the August 21 Selectboard meeting. Eric indicated the estimates for repairs Chad submitted at the last meeting have been reviewed. Linda Brady stated she recently attended a workshop where funding sources were discussed. Chad and/or Linda will email Selectboard members by Friday with additional information.

Greg Williams commented on the poor appearance of the flower pot in the parking lot along Vt Rt. 15. Eric agreed to look into the matter. Greg expressed concern about getting experienced operators to work for the Highway Department if the starting salaries are too low. Greg inquired as to the rental rate for the temporary bridge on School Street, and whether VTrans can raise the rate at some point in the future. Greg pointed out that everything the Town does costs more money in the future. He advised the board to look ahead, and pointed out the old bridge should have been repaired years ago. The board confirmed the Town has a contract with VTrans to pay \$202 per month to rent the temporary bridge. The board also pointed out that the State does not recommend two-way traffic on the bridge. The Town could allow two-way traffic, but would have to accept liability for accidents that could occur. Eric stated the temporary bridge will remain one-way.

The Agenda was amended to address Highway Department issues at this point in the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding bids for blacktopping on Town Hill Road. Skip will follow up.

Claude Cross has left his employ with the Highway Department. Skip, as foreman, is the only full-time employee remaining on the Highway Department. There are two vacancies. Bernard offered to assist the Highway Department on a temporary basis by hauling sand or serving as an emergency crew member. Motion by Eric to employ Bernard Earle to work with the Highway Department on a temporary basis as needed at an hourly rate of \$20. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

The board was asked about the status of the Vermont Town Road & Bridge Standards that expired July 31. Eric will look into it.

The board was asked about how money collected from tickets issued in Wolcott by the Sheriff's Office is distributed, and what percentage is provided to the Town. It was suggested that the State should provide assistance to small towns for policing issues.

Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2019: Motion by Eric to approve the July 17 Minutes as written. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

Allison Bigelow, Assistant Town Clerk - Introduction: Linda Martin introduced to the board Allison Bigelow, who is serving as the Assistant Town Clerk. Allison lived on Town Hill Road for many years. She currently has family living in Wolcott. The board welcomed Allison to her new role in the Town Office.

Kurt Klein - Resource Allocation: Eric thanked Kurt for sending to board members an email in advance of the meeting outlining what he wished to discuss. Eric stated it helps to be able to read and think about the information in advance. That can help expedite meetings. Kurt stated he wants to raise a red flag regarding the vote at the Special Town Meeting on August 14 to transfer funds for use in paying for a full-time Town Administrator (TA). Given that the road crew is diminished, he expressed concern about spending priorities. He believes a competitive salary structure needs to be in place now to attract qualified applicants for the road crew considering there is a small pool of experienced workers from which to draw. Base level pay in Morrisville. Hardwick and Johnson is \$25 per hour. While Jim and Bernard have stepped up to assist Skip, that is only a temporary solution. Kurt appreciated the board's earlier action regarding the salary for the lead lister position. Kurt pointed out that the overall morale of Town employees is important, and competitive compensation should take priority over a full-time TA position. He suggested the TA could start as temporary, or part-time, until a full-time TA budget can be voted upon. While Kurt sees the need for a TA, he reiterated his concern about prioritizing how the money will be spent. He analogized that the board needs to fix the foundation before putting on a new roof.

Michael stated he is open minded to Kurt's ideas, but hopes the board can do both. Eric pointed out that it was a committee that came up with the idea for a full-time TA. Jenn opined that people don't stay in their jobs because of money; they may have a passion. Bill Cotten is in favor of transferring the \$20,000 from the capital fund to go towards paying a TA. He pointed out that the board does not know now how the process will go. It may be the board will only find someone to work part-time.

Bill said the board cannot view the TA as the answer to all problems. He suggested that the board address two issues right away before a TA would be hired: 1) the road crew, and 2)

insurance for an employee age 65 or older. Duncan Hastings could be consulted, or there could be a working committee. Kurt agreed and pointed to the work Monica Cross did for the board on the insurance issue. Eric said he cannot make a decision on insurance. The board needs a consultant. It was suggested a committee would be a good idea. It was pointed out that Townspeople can help. A committee to address health insurance for employees age 65 and older was formed. Volunteers include: Kurt Klein, Bill Cotten, Monica Cross, Linda Martin, and Michael Davidson.

#### **New Business:**

**Set Tax Rate:** Linda presented to the board a spreadsheet showing how the tax rate was determined. The Homestead tax rate is 2.3682. The non-residential tax rate is 2.3480. <u>Motion</u> by Eric to accept the tax rate as presented. Seconded by Michael. Voting: All in favor.

**VT DOC Agreement for Community Service Work:** The board reviewed the agreement submitted by the Vermont Department of Corrections for community service work done at the transfer station. Motion by Eric to accept and sign the agreement. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Reed Road accepted as C3 Town Highway (TH#10): A section of land along Reed Road has been deeded to the Town for use as a turn-around for road equipment, as required. Motion by Eric to accept Reed Road as a C3 Town Highway. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

Report on accepting Pinnacle Lane as a Town Highway: The board reviewed a document listing a number of conditions that must be addressed in order for Pinnacle Lane to be taken over by the Town. Motion by Eric to accept and sign the document as presented. Seconded by Michael. Voting: All in favor.

**Review Correspondence:** 

Sign Payroll and other Orders: Done Transfer Station Audit Sheets: Reviewed.

State of Vermont - Department of Taxes: Reviewed.

VLCT Announcement: A Municipal Budget Workshop will be held September 18.

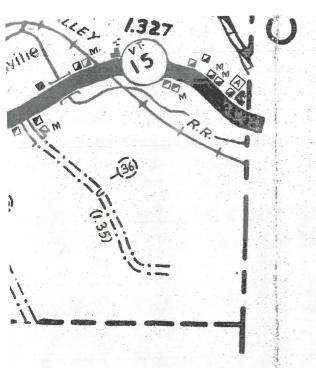
Tom Martin, lead lister: The letter from Tom Martin was addressed during Amendments to the

Agenda.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Michael to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Seconded by Jenn. Voting: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

Special Town Meeting - August 14, 2019
The next regular Selectboard Meeting - August 21, 2019



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Inventory date of cultural features is 1975. The untraveled highways (laid-out town highways), discontinued highways, and legal trails shown hereon are those of which the Department of Highways has record; others may exist.

Not sure when

became a C3
highway

.10 mile of TH#10

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP

# TOWN OF WOLCOTT

1970 POPULATION: 676

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VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION

PLANNING DIVISION SCALE

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## MILEAGE SUMMARY

SS I TOWN HIGHWAYS: SS 2 TOWN HIGHWAYS:

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NO. 3 NO. 4

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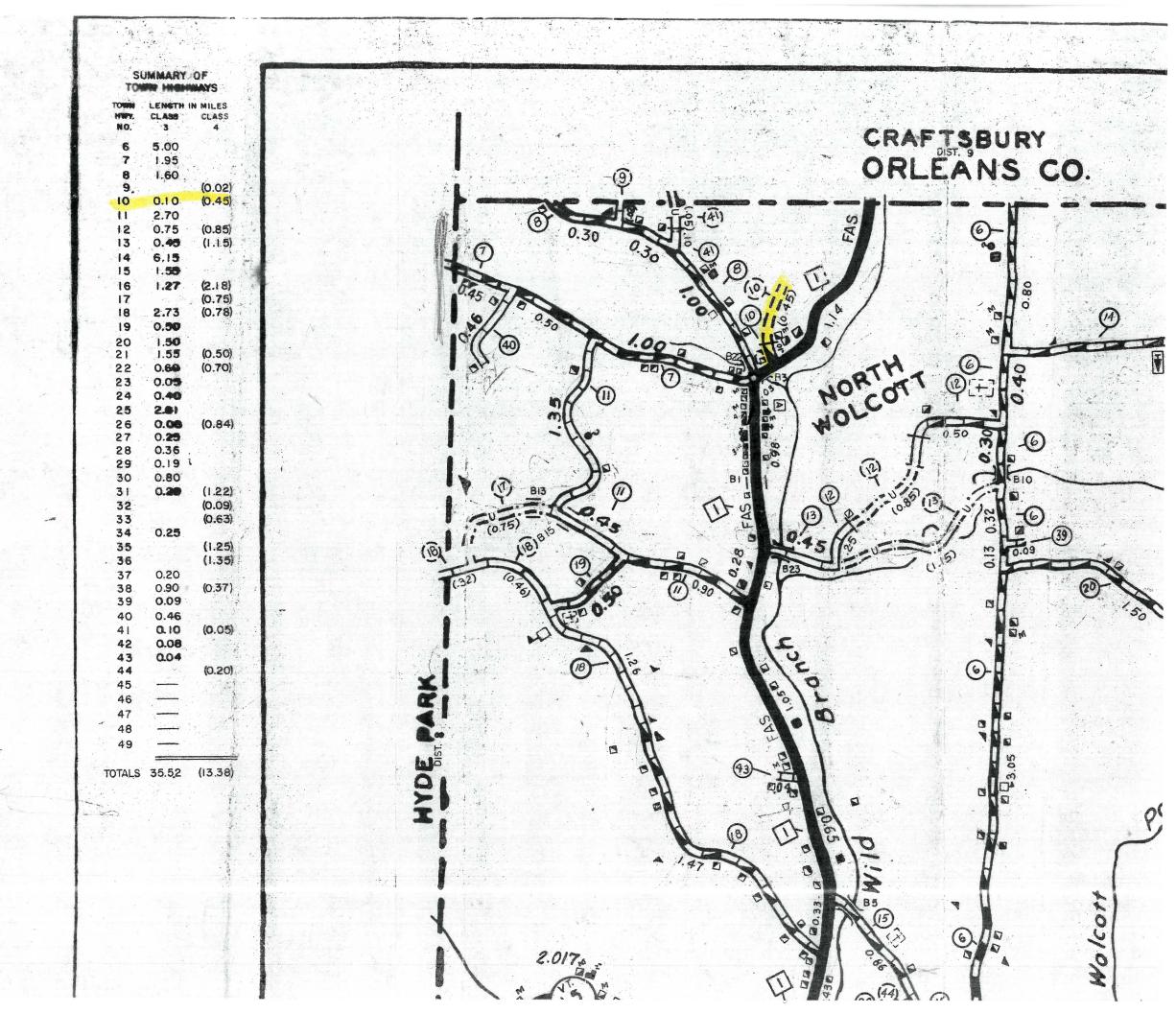
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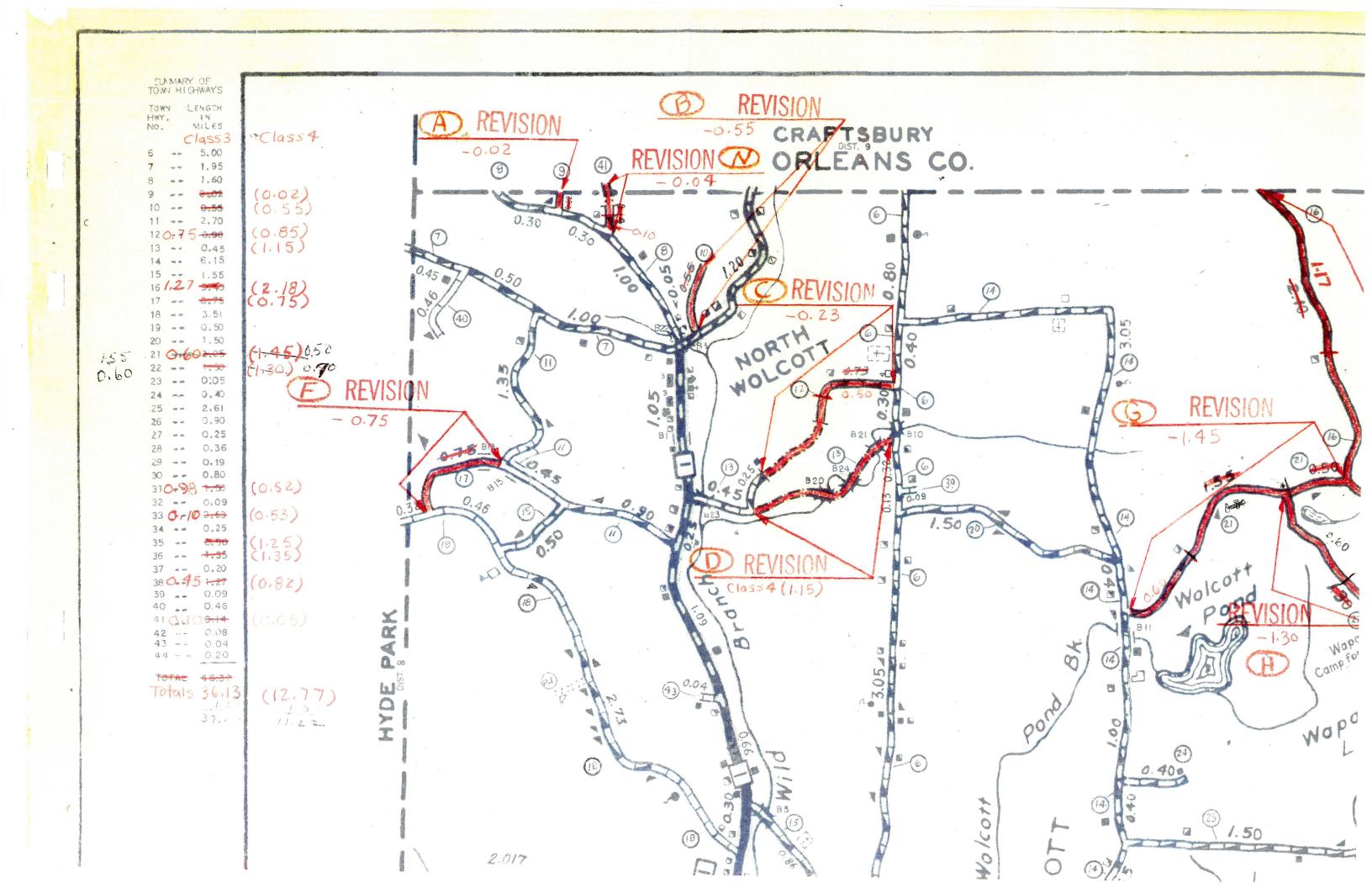


### 1973 TOWN HIGHWAY MILEAGE CHANGES DUE TO ACT 63 RECLASSIFICATION and/or REMEASUREMENT

Map Ident. Letter	Town Hwy. No.	Miles Added	Miles Subtracted	Explanation
Α ,	9		0.02	Now Class 4
B	10		0.55	Now Class 4
С	12	(0.62)	0.23	Formerly untraveled, now ( and portion now Class 4
<b>D</b>	13	(1.15)		Formerly untraveled, now (
E	16		2.18	Portion now Class 4
F	17		0.75	Now Class 4
G	21		1.45	Portion now Class 4
Н	22	3	1.30	Now Class 4
, I	31		0.52	Portion now Class 4
J	33		0.53	Portion now Class 4
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L	36		1.35	Now Class 4
М	38		0,82	Portion now Class 4
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#### STATE OF VERMONT

#### COUNTY OF LAMOILLE, SS.

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Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this

day of May 2019.

Selectboard Town of Wolcott

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> /s/ Selectboard Town of Wolcott

### Pinnacle Lane Viewing

June 29, 2019

Town Officials: Jenn Holton, Kimberly Gravel, Eric Furs, Michael Davidson,

Skip Patton

Community: Marquis Houle, Ashley Houle, Chris Tatro, Chris Richard, John

Hudgins

Called to order at 10:00 am

Pinnacle lane is currently a private road and the residents (8 lots, 7 homes) are requesting that the town take it over. The Selectboard, the Road Foreman, and the residents met at the road to discuss the matter.

Skip (Road Foreman) notes that the following are needed for his approval:

- Guard rail needed to protect crew from drop off. Guard rail should extend from telephone pole to where the road straightens (60ft-100ft).

  NOTE: Marquis asked about boulders instead. Skip states that a guard rail would still be needed in front of the boulders
- Culverts must be 2ft from the road to the top of the rip rap
- Rip rap needed on far end of culvert 3
- Need new culvert above culvert 2 angled to the right side of the telephone pole (on the other side of the road)
- Agreement between Skip and Marquis that 3" of crush/run not needed unless Skip grades and determines otherwise and if determined the it's needed, Marquis agrees to add it from corner 1 to corner 2

Adjourned at 10:45 am

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes July 3, 2019

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Present:

Eric Furs, Kimberly Gravel, Jennifer Holton-Clapp, Michael Davidson,

Richard Lee

Town Employees:

Skip Patten, Duncan Hastings Nigel Friend, Robert Tenney

Guests: Public:

Bill Cotten. Chris Tatro, Britt Tatro, Chris Richard, Kurt Klein, Marquis

Houle. Ashlev Lowe

Reporter:

Doug McClure, Hardwick Gazette

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### Amendments to the Agenda

Planning Commission Appointment: <u>Motion by Eric to table appointment until confirmation</u> received on willingness to serve. Second by Michael. Voting: All in favor.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appointment:** <u>Motion by Eric to have Linda Martin</u> serve as the Town's TAC representative. Second by Kim. Voting: All in favor.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Pinnacle Lane Viewing: Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes from the Pinnacle Lane viewing on June 29 as prepared by Michael Davidson, and to pay Michael for his time in preparation. Second by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

Minutes of June 19 Minutes: Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes of the June 19 Selectboard meeting as written. Second by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

#### Public Hearing: Pinnacle Lane as Town Road

Michael reviewed notes from the viewing of Pinnacle Lane on Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. Present at the viewing were Jenn Holton, Kimberly Gravel, Eric Furs, Michael Davidson, Skip Patten, Marquis Houle, Ashley Houle, Chris Tatro, Chris Richard, John Hudgens. Discussion ensued regarding new road standards, the need for a guardrail and its cost, installation of a culvert, and rip rap. Skip will contact the State for an opinion regarding the need for a guardrail. Safety is a concern. Motion by Kim to approve the request to adopt Pinnacle Lane as a Town road contingent upon the guardrail issue being resolved. Second by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

#### **Duncan Hastings - TA Position Update**

Duncan shared with the Selectboard a spreadsheet outlining two scenarios for estimated cost of salary and benefits for the TA position. The figures are prorated assuming the position would be filled later in the fiscal year. Focus was on a base salary of \$50,000 plus benefits. Duncan also presented to the Selectboard a Warning for the Special Town Meeting. Article I would authorize reallocation of the \$20,000 capital fund towards costs involved for the TA position. Article II would allow for any other lawful, non-binding, business to be addressed. Motion by Eric to amend the Warning by removing Article II, and to approve and sign the Warning for the Special Town Meeting as amended. Second by Kim. Voting: All in favor. Eric requested Duncan and

#### STATE OF VERMONT

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#### TOWN OF WOLCOTT

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE HEARING TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT

WHEREAS, the Selectmen did cause a Notice of Hearing dated May 2019 to be sent to each landowner and any other party having an interest in the proceeding in question by certified mail, return receipt requested, and did further cause said notice to be published on June 6, 2019, 2010 in the News & Citizen, Inc. a paper of general circulation within Wolcott at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on July 3rd. 2019.

Selectmen's Report on request to lay out a road to be know as Pinnacle Lane.

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The Selectboard made an inspection of the premises on June 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM, Local Time. A hearing was held on July 3, 2019 at 6:15 PM, Local Time to hear the parties and to consider making Pinnacle Lane a Town Road. The Selectboard made their decision at a meeting on July 3, 2019.

The Selectboard felt that the road had been brought up to standards except for the following which shall matters which must be completed before the road is taken over by the Town of Wolcott:

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- e. Proper amount of 3" must be in place.

On July 3, 2019 the Selectboard met, voted and found that the public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Wolcott require that Pinnacle Lane be laid out and be opened for the traveling public once the above matters are completed.

Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 2019.

Selectmen

Town of Wolcott

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019

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Present:

Eric Furs, Michael Davidson, Jennifer Holton-Clapp, Kimberly Gravel.

Richard Lee

Public:

Kurt Klein. Bill Cotten

Reporter:

Doug McClure, Hardwick Gazette

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

#### Amendments to the Agenda

An email was received from Amy Thompson asking if one of the ball fields in Wolcott is available on certain dates for use by Craftsbury Academy. The schedule will be checked for availability.

#### **Comments from the Community**

An inquiry was made as to the status of a property on East Hill Road that had gone to tax sale. Eric is to follow up with the Town Attorney on starting an eviction proceeding.

Bill Cotten volunteered to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. <u>Motion by Michael to appoint Bill Cotten to the Planning Commission for a term set to expire in 2021. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.</u>

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Michael to approve the Minutes of the May 1 meeting as written. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes of the May 8 Special Meeting as written. Voting: All in favor.

**Town Administrator Position - Update:** <u>Motion by Eric to table the matter in the absence of</u> Duncan Hastings. Seconded by Michael. Voting: All in favor.

#### **Ordinance Committee - Update:**

Kurt reported that Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLTC) indicated their legal department will review the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance at a rate of \$92 per hour, estimating it will take between five and seven hours, or roughly, a total of between \$550 and \$750. The Selectboard asked to receive a copy of the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance prior to it being submitted to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns legal department for review.

An update was provided to the board on several properties for which complaints have been filed. The board would like to know the status of the State investigations of Wolcott properties.

#### **New Business**

The board received a written update from Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering regarding several ongoing projects. Motion by Eric to have the Town purchase directly the pipe arch needed for the East Hill Road culvert project, as a cost saving measure. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. On behalf of the board, Eric signed several necessary permits for stream alterations.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Insurance Options: Michael forwarded to the other board members an email he received from VLTC regarding insurance coverage for employees age 65 and older. Jenn stated she had nothing to add to her previous report. Michael stated this would be a good project for a person in the Town Administrator position to work on. Richard pointed out that Linda had submitted to the board an example of how insurance coverage was handled by Lamoille Solid Waste Management District. Richard would be interested to see how other Towns with fewer than 20 employees are handling insurance coverage. A report can be ordered from VLTC. The board will read an article regarding Medicare written by Doug McClure for the *Hardwick Gazette*.

**2019 Mowing Bids:** After clarifying beginning and end dates on one of the three bids, Kim's recommendation is for the award to go to Brad Blaisdell, who had the contract last year. Motion by Eric for the 2019 mowing bid to be awarded to Brad Blaisdell. Seconded by Kim. Voting: All in favor. Mowing is to begin mid-May and will continue as long as the grass is growing. The bid also includes fall cleanup.

View Pinnacle Lane: As part of the petition to have Pinnacle Lane adopted as a Town road, a public viewing must be scheduled. Motion by Eric to schedule the public viewing of Pinnacle Lane for Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

Magic Garden Waldorf School lease: The owners of the pre-school indicated the school will not reopen following this session. They will vacate the building by June 30, 2019. Motion by Eric to release the School early from the two-year lease, as of June 30, 2019. Seconded by Kim. Voting: All in favor. The Selectboard is sorry to see the pre-school close, but understand that circumstances require it. A new tenant will be sought.

**Transfer Station:** Richard has talked with the attendant about best practices for using the calculator and cash register. Richard will spend more time with the attendant during open hours. Richard will follow up with the company that picks up tires. Tires are half price throughout the month of May.

#### **Review Correspondence**

**Scheduled Workshops for Linda:** The Town Clerk will attend two upcoming workshops. The Town Office may need to be closed on those days. If so, notice will be provided.

Town Hall Permits: Motion by Kim to approve the Town Hall request made by the Wolcott Methodist Church from Friday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m. until Sunday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m. for a fundraiser, waiving the fee. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. No alcohol will be served.

Motion by Kim to approve the Town Hall rental request for June 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a luncheon following a funeral. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. No alcohol will be served.

A request has been made to rent 80 folding chairs for a wedding on August 10. The fee will be \$60 with a security deposit of \$50. A form needs to be filled out, and there is a procedure to follow. Motion by Eric to approve the request but table the matter until the proper form is obtained. Seconded by Kim. Voting: All in favor.

