

District 4  
 Certcode 0910-0

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE  
 YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

1/31/2022  
 VTrans Mapping Section

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2022 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section via email to: aot.mileagecertificates@vermont.gov or if necessary via mail to: VTrans PPAID - Mapping Section, 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641.

We, the members of the legislative body of **STRAFFORD** in **ORANGE** County on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

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

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000				0.000
Class 2	15.740				0.000
Class 3	51.85				0.000
State Highway	0.000				0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>67.590</b>				<b>0.000</b>
* Class 1 Lane	0.000				
* Class 4	12.85	.23			0.000
* Legal Trail	0.45				

\* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total.

DS  
 PD

Change not accepted. Need survey or historic information to confirm was a town road. P. DeAndrea, VTrans 5/4/2022: see correspondence 3/14/2022

**PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.**

1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".

~~Andrus TH 73~~

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

3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

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

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Place an X in the box and sign below.

**PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.**

Signatures of Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees:

*Tom M. Perry* *[Signature]*  
*Ruth [Signature]*

Signature of T/C/V Clerk: *[Signature]* Date Filed: 1-27-2022

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

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

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*  
 Johnathan Croft  
 Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 5/9/2022



**State of Vermont**  
**Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development Division**  
**Mapping Section**  
219 North Main Street  
Barre, VT 05641

***Agency of Transportation***

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May 2, 2022

Toni Pippy, Selectboard Chair  
Town of Strafford, c/o Town Clerk  
PO Box 27  
Strafford, VT 05072

Dear Ms. Pippy,

Please find the enclosed copy of the 2022 Certificate of Highway Mileage for the Town of Strafford. The VTrans Mapping Section has not accepted the addition of Andrus Road that was provided with the 2022 Certificate of Highway Mileage for the Town of Strafford, due to some remaining questions regarding the legal establishment of this road as a highway.

We requested follow up documentation to show that this road was legally established as a town highway, but we at this point we do not have the necessary documentation to add the road to the Town Highway Map and Mileage Certificate. Our research into this road and information that the Town Clerk and Rett Emerson sent helped us to get additional insight on the road and understand that:

- The Strafford Selectboard held a meeting in January 2022 that resulted in a vote to accept the 2022 Mileage Certificate with the addition of 0.23 miles of Andrus Road.
- The Strafford Selectboard held a meeting in October 2021 where Andrus Road was discussed. According to the minutes from this meeting, in 1988 the Selectboard agreed to make Andrus Road a Class 4 road. A motion was passed at the October 2021 meeting to honor the 1988 decision.
- In September 2021, the landowner's son, Bruce Andrus, emailed the Selectboard to open the discussion of the status of whether Andrus Road became a Class 4 town road.
- A letter was sent from the town to the landowners dated July 12, 1988, indicating that the town will submit the addition of Andrus Road to the Agency of Transportation.
- Minutes from the Strafford Selectboard meeting on July 6, 1988 shows that the landowners and the Selectboard discussed Andrus Road being added as a Class 4

road, but no specific motion was passed but that “it would be considered as a town road”.

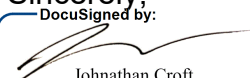
- VTrans Mapping Section notes on the 1987 Mileage Certificate shows under T-79 (Andrus Road) “New road – need proof”. It is our understanding that VTrans never received this proof.
- A Selectboard meeting was held in February 1987 and Town responses to the 1987 Mileage Certificate were discussed which included ‘T-79 (Andrus Road) is not a town road’ and a letter was sent to the Agency of Transportation stating this as well.
- Andrus Road is off TH-10 and may be a historic road as it appears on historic maps such as the Beers Atlas from 1877, which shows a road going to the J. Preston home.
- As of 1931, the road was never officially on the Town Highway map.
- According to John Hemenway, there is no survey available for the property or the original layout of the road.

Pam DeAndrea, of our Mapping Section, emailed previous Selectboard member Rett Emerson and the Town Clerk following receipt of the 2022 Mileage Certificate to obtain necessary documentation to add this to the Town Highway Map. At this point, we haven’t received enough information from the Town to be able to determine the statutory process of adding the new road as a town highway either through the laying out process or “dedication and acceptance” has been followed. This does not preclude the Town’s ability to add Andrus Road as a highway in the future, provided information regarding its legal establishment is provided to VTrans.

If there is no documentation showing legal establishment, it might make sense for the Selectboard to go through the laying out process defined in 19 V.S.A. Chapter 7 and provide clarity to this road being a town highway.

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

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
Johnathan Croft

Johnathan Croft  
VTrans Mapping Section

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Enclosures

cc: Amy Bell, VTrans Planning Coordinator  
Matthew Arancio, VTrans Planning Coordinator  
Rita Seto, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission

### **Strafford Selectboard Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 6:00pm, Strafford Town Office. Meetings open to the public, with masks are required.

To attend remotely by phone or ZOOM contact Lisa Bragg, townclerk@straffordvt.org

1. Public Concerns – 15 minutes
2. Town Highways and Equipment Update -15 minutes
  - a. Highway Correspondence:
    - 1) Email, Mike Hebb, RE: Stanley Road
    - 2) Ed Hathaway, EPA RE: Copperas Road Gate
    - 3) Ken and Karen Odell, RE: Odell Road
    - 4) Ken and Marcia Bushnell, RE: Request to Address Unsafe Travel Conditions on Old City Falls Road
  - b. Update on vacancy
  - c. Project updates.
  - d. Andrus, Taylor Valley Road and class 4 road question – Rett
  - e. Rita Seto, TRORC, FY22 Municipal Roads Grants in Aid-Equipment – letter of intent for roller
  - f. Open bids for Sidewalk Snow Removal
3. Approve minutes to the September 22nd regular meeting and September 29<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing for the Town Plan– 5 minutes
4. Job Performance Reviews 2021 process
5. Strafford to participate in a Technology Assessment – Lisa- 5 minutes
6. Town Office Immediate Repairs & VLCT – Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss (Property)
7. Town Plan – 7pm – 15 minutes
8. Ashley Forest updates – Pat, 10 minutes
9. Junk Yard Update – Jeff, 5 minutes
10. Liaison updates – 10 minutes
11. General Correspondence – 15 minutes:
  - a. Email Tom Kinder, RE: Town Plan
  - b. Geoff Martin, RE: IREC September Progress Report
  - c. Glenn Wylie, RE: Strange water use issue
  - d. Rockwell Fuller, THAG, 9/23/21 Minutes
  - e. Mike Scanlon, RE: Strafford VT – NRRRA MOU for Review and Signature
  - f. Kevin Gish, RE: Strafford/Sharon Joint Meeting of the selectboards.
  - g. Rebecca Seibel, RE: Community Building Award Committee vacancy
12. Other
  - Municipal Resolution for Bylaw Modernization

## Strafford Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6:00 pm, Strafford Town Office and via ZOOM

Members participating: Toni Pippy, Mary Linehan, Rett Emerson, Pat Kelly, Jeff Solsaa

Others participating: Donald Graham, Ken Bushnell, Sean Lewis, Jennifer Brown, Dorian Yates, David Lutz, Susan Tiholiz, John Freitag, Martha Walke.

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

### 1. Public Concerns

- John Freitag hopes the Selectboard will be thoughtful in its approach to the Town Office. Chair noted the board is prioritizing urgent issues to repair the current damage to the building.
- Sean Lewis raised concerns about the potential impact of the Town Plan on private landowners' rights and tax rates.

### 2. Town Highways and Equipment Update. Jon MacKinnon was not present. Liaison reported that highway equipment and maintenance are fine. As a result of the paving on Rte 132 the driveway apron at the school and aprons at some other sites need to be addressed; Blacktop may be responsible, and the Road Foreman will investigate and resolve the problems

#### a. Highway Correspondence:

- 1) Email, Mike Hebb, RE: Stanley Road.
  - 2) Ed Hathaway, EPA RE: Copperas Road Gate
  - 3) Ken and Karen Odell, RE: Odell Road. Google maps shows a road from Brook Road to Carpenter Hill Road. Mike Hebb put up a sign to direct hikers to assigned parking for trail. Town Clerk will investigate how to correct the GPS information used by mapping services and apps. Liaison and Foreman will discuss installing a No Throughway sign to be placed at the intersection of Odell and Brook Roads.
  - 4) Ken and Marcia Bushnell, RE: Request to Address Unsafe Travel Conditions on Old City Falls Road. Foreman is considering options for managing the mud problem. Ken clarified mitigation efforts to date (culverts) and suggested use of fabric and improved ditching. Liaison noted that the volume of traffic has increased over the last 10 years, and lack of sun during the spring is the root of the problem. Resolution of the problem may require rebuilding the road. Liaison will follow up with Foreman and the Bushnells.
- b. Update on vacancy. Liaison reported that an appropriate candidate has been identified.
- c. Project updates. Repairs on Alger Brook have been completed and appear to be good. Line painting on 132 will be done soon; contractor's paint sprayer broke and work will continue once repaired.
- d. Andrus, Taylor Valley Road and Class 4 road question. Liaison clarified that in 1988 the Selectboard agreed to create a Class 4 road. The Town's legal advisor has reviewed the issues and noted that the Andrus property access road would go from conserved land (Hemenway) to conserved land (proposed by Andrus), and functions as a driveway. The town can chose to classify it as a town trail or a Class 4 road, or neither. All culverts will need to be replaced (current culverts are old, metal and undersized). Motion passed to

- honor the decision of the 1988 Selectboard to reclassify .23 miles of the Andrus property access road as a Class 4 Road, with negotiations for sharing the cost of culvert replacement forthcoming, and to number the road TH73, with the name Andrus Road.
- e. Rita Seto, TRORC, FY22 Municipal Roads Grants in Aid-Equipment – letter of intent to acquire a roller compactor attachment to grader to improve road crown. Cost share estimated at \$1500.
  - f. Open bids for Sidewalk Snow Removal. No bids have been received, and it was noted that many towns are struggling to find workers for similar work. Discussion re: options to manage town landscaping tasks and find cost efficiencies going forward.
3. Motion passed to approve minutes for the September 22nd regular meeting. Motion passed to approve minutes of the September 29<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing for the Town Plan. Pat Kelly did not attend the hearing and abstained from the vote.
  4. Job Performance Reviews 2021 process. Liaisons will ensure that the road crew performance reviews take place. Discussion about how to better engage the road crew and obtain their input on how to improve efficiencies and the work environment. Performance review form will be reviewed and updated as needed.
  5. Stafford to participate in a Technology Assessment. Town has been selected in a 10-town survey of cybersecurity by the Leahy Center at UVM. Town clerk is coordinating the response. Findings will be presented in November.
  6. Town Office Immediate Repairs & VLCT – Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss (Property). Discussion regarding engineer's findings for critical repairs (report not yet available), what we learned from an Oct 14 zoom meeting with TRORC regarding ARPA fund use, and the possible sale of town owned land. Motion passed to sign the Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss (Property), VLTC—Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc.
  7. Town Plan. Chair clarified that the changes identified in the minutes from the Sept 29 hearing will be incorporated and a final edit of the document will be conducted by TRORC. A motion was made to adopt the Town Plan with the edits detailed in the minutes of the Selectboard Hearing of September 29<sup>th</sup>:

The Stafford Energy & Climate Committee requested adding to the paragraph on Page 77, X. Energy, Goal of current Town Plan draft the following:  
“as well as options for reducing our carbon emissions through best practices, sustainability planning, and the sequestration and storage of carbon through soil, plants, and forests.”

Discussion re potentially unacceptable restrictions placed on landowners resulting from the state mandated terminology in the Town Plan re: forest fragmentation. Chair reminded the board that zoning ordinances would be required to restrict land subdivision, and no zoning ordinance addressing this issue has been discussed nor will any such ordinance be presented at Town Meeting in 2022. Motion passed, with Rett Emerson and Jeff Solsaa voting nay.

8. Ashley Forest updates. A joint meeting with the Sharon Selectboard to discuss the proposed conservation easement and interlocal agreement will be held on Oct 25. The meeting is intended to be a question-and-answer session so that both boards can understand the terms of the proposed agreements and learn from the other town's board. Discussion regarding how management of the property might take place, and other considerations for the upcoming meeting.
9. Junk Yard Update. Sherriff's deputy has been slow to respond; liaison is hoping steps will be taken in the coming week to follow-up on the trespass order on Mine Road and fines to be issued. Reviewed status of junkyard cleanups.
10. Liaison updates.
  - Chair proposed to send a reminder to committees about who their Selectboard liaisons are, and that email communications are public information and subject to Open Meeting law
11. General Correspondence
  - a. Email Tom Kinder, RE: Town Plan
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  - g. Rebecca Seibel, RE: Community-Building Award Committee vacancy
12. Other. Municipal Resolution for Bylaw Modernization. Motion passed to sign the FY22 Resolution for Bylaw Modernization.
13. Motion passed to enter executive session for personnel issue at 8:50 pm. Exited executive session at 9:00 pm. An additional interview for road crew candidate will be conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Linehan  
Recording Clerk

Strafford Selectmen's Meeting  
July 6, 1988

Present: Chairman John Hawkins, Gregory Lewis, Kendall Mix, Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Andrus

1. Dr. and Mrs. Andrus discussed with the Selectmen the condition of TR # 10 and the status of the road off TR # 10 leading to their property. The Selectmen acknowledged that work on TR #10 was unduly delayed, causing inconvenience to the Andrus family and their guests. Further work on the road may be necessary to insure adequate access. The road off of TR #10 into the Andrus property will be considered a town road and in the fullness of time will be given a road number and appear on the General Highway Map of the Town of Strafford. The Selectmen and the Road Commissioner will review the culvert situation at the junction of the two roads. The culvert below the road into the Andrus property is due to be replaced.

There was discussion of the need for work on the as yet unnumbered road. Since it will be a Class IV road when it is added to the Town road mileage, in accordance with Town policy, no work will be done at Town expense unless the road is in danger of deteriorating.

2. Town Clerk Roberta Robinson's eligibility for Municipal Retirement benefits will commence on the date of her appointment as Town Clerk.
3. New forms have been received for the replacement of the gas tanks at the Town Garage, requiring further consultation with the State.
4. Steve Wetmore had inquired about the need for permits for the Sheepdog Trials at Huntington Farm. He will be advised to contact the appropriate agencies directly.
5. The Selectboard will discuss the Town Road on Andrew Carter's property with Mr. Carter.

Kendall Mix, Clerk

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TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
Strafford, Vermont 05072

Town Office 1-802-765-4411  
Town Garage 1-802-765-4550

July 12, 1988

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Andrus  
Stonegate Dr.  
Portland, CT 06480

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Andrus:

The Strafford Selectmen were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you on July 6th. As we stated that evening, the Town did not meet its obligations on TR #10 in a timely fashion this summer. You have our apologies for that less-than-acceptable response and our assurance of the Town's intention to respond more adequately in the future.

The road from TR #10 to the old foundation on your property is considered to be a Town Road. It will be submitted to the State Department of Transportation for addition to the Strafford Highway Map, will be given a number when the Town highways are inspected again next year, and will be added to Strafford's Class IV road mileage. In accordance with Town road policy, no work will be done on the road at Town expense unless there is danger of deterioration. The Selectmen will discuss with the Road Commissioner the condition of the culvert at the junction of the two roads.

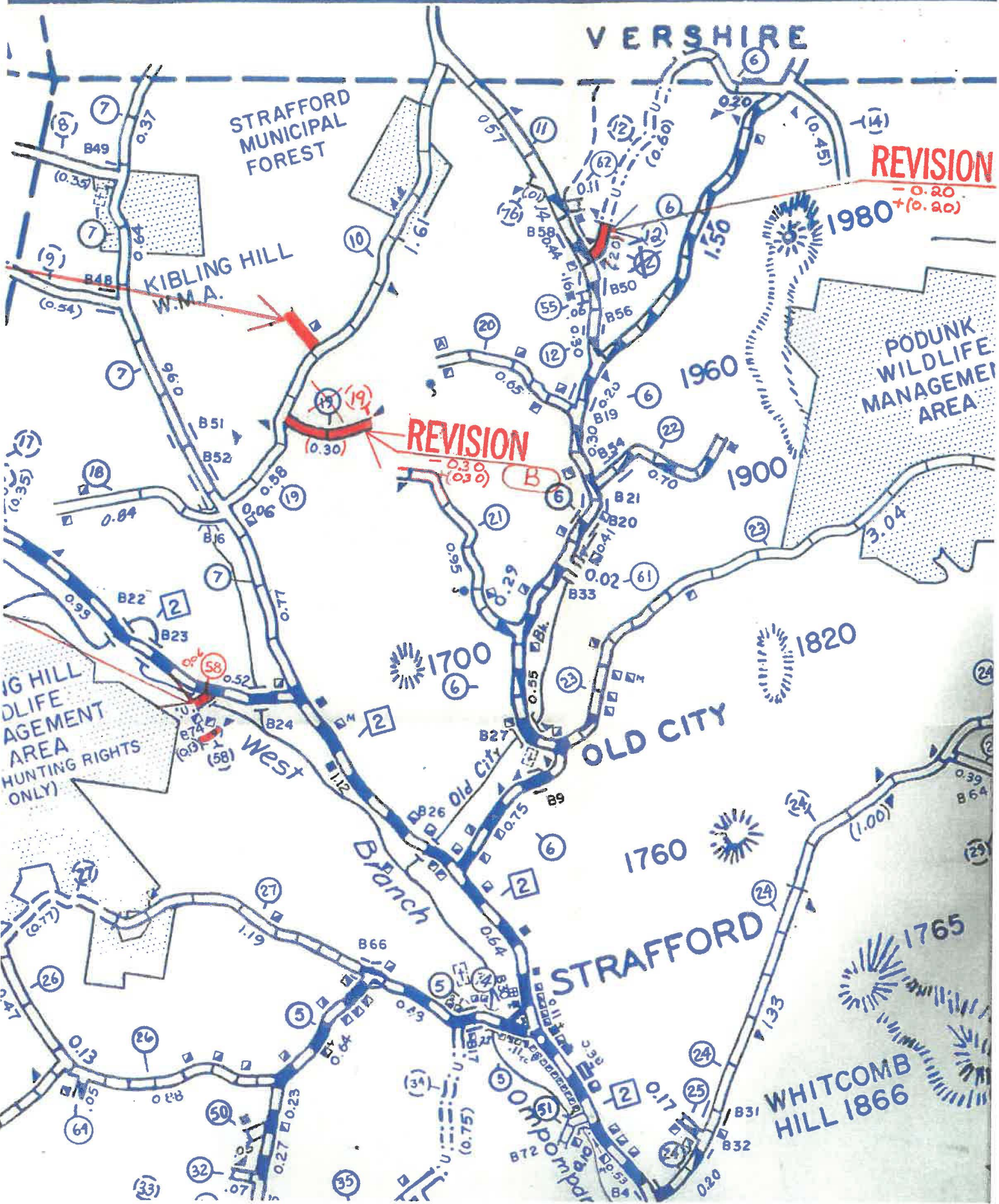
Please let us know if you have any additions or corrections to the above.

Enclosed is a copy of the Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 6, 1988.

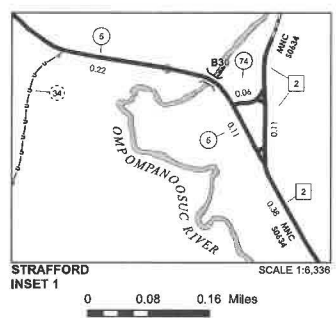
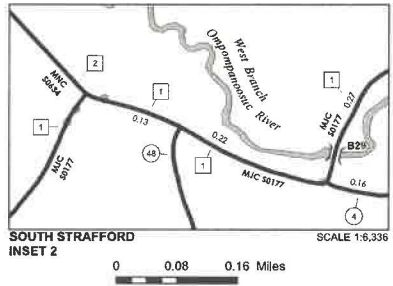
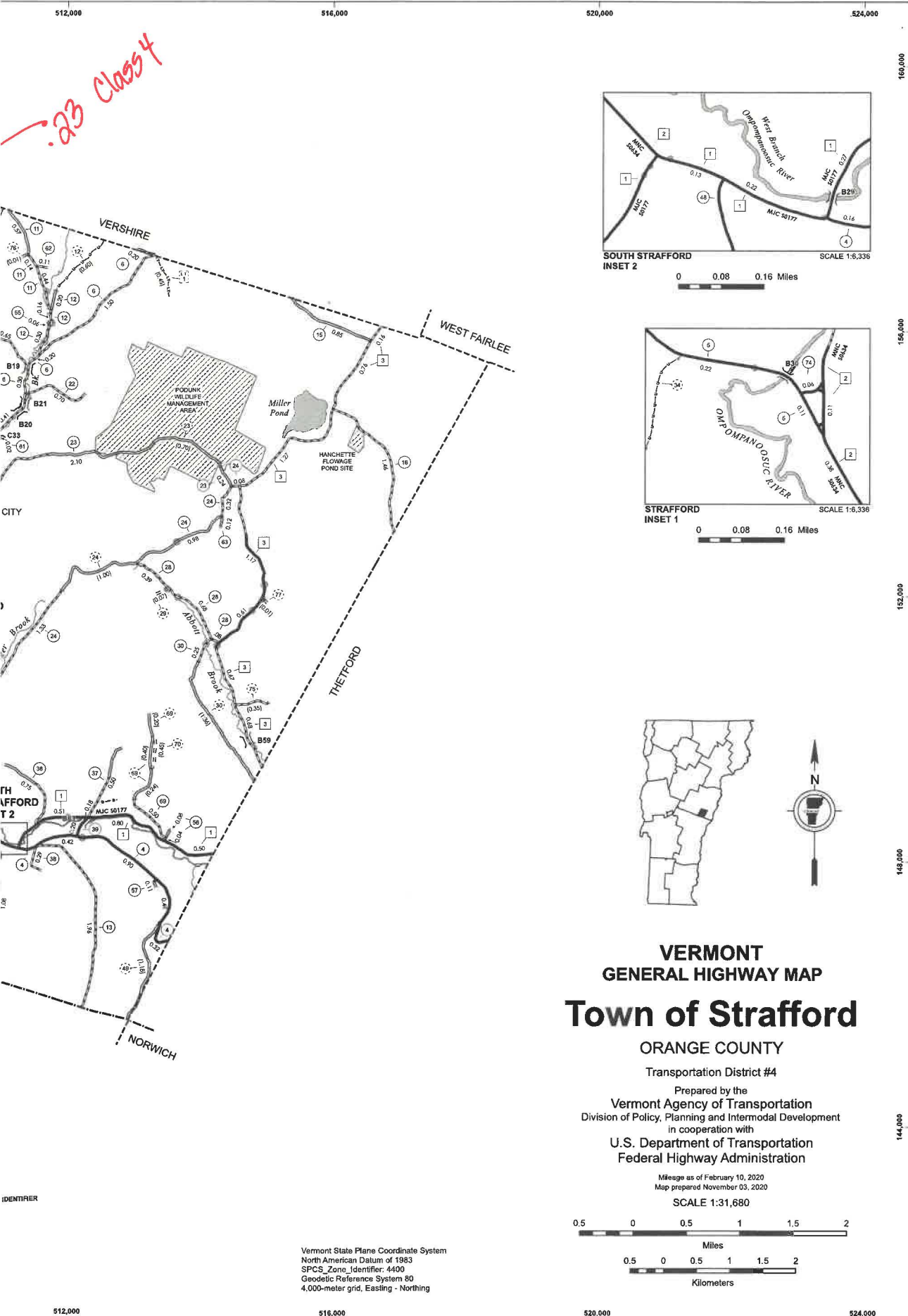
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hawkins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Hawkins, Chairman  
Strafford Selectboard



# STRAFFORD, ORANGE COUNTY - 2020



## VERMONT GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP Town of Strafford

ORANGE COUNTY

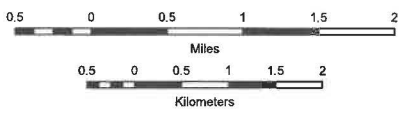
Transportation District #4

Prepared by the  
**Vermont Agency of Transportation**  
 Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development  
 in cooperation with

**U.S. Department of Transportation**  
 Federal Highway Administration

Mileage as of February 10, 2020  
 Map prepared November 03, 2020

SCALE 1:31,680



Vermont State Plane Coordinate System  
 North American Datum of 1983  
 SPCS\_Zone\_Identifier: 4400  
 Geodetic Reference System 80  
 4,000-meter grid, Easting - Northing



TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
Strafford, Vermont 05072

Town Office 1-802-765-4411  
Town Garage 1-802-765-4550

February 13, 1987

Mr. J.E. R. Landry, P.E.  
Agency of Transportation  
133 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Mr. Landry:

The Town of Strafford wishes to make the following comments on the Certificate of Highway Mileage;

1. T-12 Should be reclassified to Class 4. *Hearing*
2. T-19 Will be improved to Class 3 standards during the Summer of 1987. *Nov 13*
3. T-46 Should remain a Class 3 to the Sharon Town Line. *13*
4. T-58 (0.06) should have been a Class 3 Town Road since before the 1970 Vermont Highway District No. 4 map. *Hearing*
5. T-59 Should remain Class 3 for 0.15.
6. T-79 is not a Town Road. *not on map. (pav)*

Total Mileage is 68.580

Bridge #75 still does not appear on the Vermont General Highway Map- Transportation District No. 4 (Hanchett Bridge).

✓ Another change need is (24) should be (42).

Yours truly,

Kendall A. Mix,  
Chairman, Strafford  
Selectboard

KAM/rr

**From:** [DeAndrea, Pam](#)  
**To:** [Town Of Strafford](#)  
**Cc:** [selectboard@straffordvt.org](mailto:selectboard@straffordvt.org)  
**Subject:** RE: Taylor Valley LLC  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:14:00 AM

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Thank you Lisa,

Yes we don't have enough to add it to the map at this point.

Best,

Pam

**Pamela DeAndrea (she/her)** | AOT GIS Professional III, Mapping Section  
Vermont Agency of Transportation  
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802-793-7555 | [pam.deandrea@vermont.gov](mailto:pam.deandrea@vermont.gov)



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**From:** Town Of Strafford <townclerk@straffordvt.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:02 AM  
**To:** DeAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>  
**Cc:** [selectboard@straffordvt.org](mailto:selectboard@straffordvt.org)  
**Subject:** RE: Taylor Valley LLC

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Hi Pam,

We don't have any additional materials to submit currently.

If what we sent is not enough to add it, then it appears this will require more work from the Selectboard going forward.

It was discussed again last week, but nothing has been decided on how to proceed at this time.

Thank you

**Lisa M. Bragg, CVC, CVT**  
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**From:** DeAndrea, Pam <[Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov](mailto:Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 5:25 PM  
**To:** Bragg, LisaM <[townclerk@straffordvt.org](mailto:townclerk@straffordvt.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Taylor Valley LLC

Hi Lisa,

Can you fill me on what the selectboard decided for Andrus Rd? We need to close out the certificates for this year soon so we are thinking that we will leave it off the certificate for this year but could put it on next year if we have all the appropriate documentation.

Best,

Pam

**Pamela DeAndrea (she/her)** | AOT GIS Professional III, Mapping Section  
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**From:** DeAndrea, Pam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:31 PM  
**To:** Town Of Strafford <[townclerk@straffordvt.org](mailto:townclerk@straffordvt.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Taylor Valley LLC

Thank you Lisa!

Pam

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**From:** Town Of Strafford <[townclerk@straffordvt.org](mailto:townclerk@straffordvt.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:44 AM

**To:** DeAndrea, Pam <[Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov](mailto:Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Taylor Valley LLC

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Hi Pam,

So Rett Emerson's term was up this Town Meeting and he choose not to run again.

Big bummer for us, but I'm still on this and will be talking with the Selectboard again tomorrow night about how they want to proceed with this issue.

I will be in touch soon.

Thanks

**Lisa M. Bragg, CVC, CVT**  
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**From:** DeAndrea, Pam <[Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov](mailto:Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 3:43 PM

**To:** [remerson@straffordvt.org](mailto:remerson@straffordvt.org); AOT - Mileage Certificates <[AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov](mailto:AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** Taylor Valley LLC

Hi Rett,

We have looked through our old surveys from the 1700s and have found nothing regarding Andrus Rd. We were wondering if the Town could reach out to Gordon Tuthill and see if he has any insights or recollection of Andrus Rd ever being laid out as a Town Highway.

Thank you so much.

Best,

Pam

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**From:** [Rett Emerson](#)  
**To:** [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Access to family land at 95 Hemenway Road  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:54:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [Strafford Select Board meeting July 6, 1988.pdf](#)  
[Letter from Selectboard 1988.pdf](#)

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From: **B Andrus** <[bwandrus@gmail.com](mailto:bwandrus@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Sep 6, 2021, 1:42 PM  
Subject: Access to family land at 95 Hemenway Road  
To: <[selectboard@straffordvt.org](mailto:selectboard@straffordvt.org)>

Dear Selectboard,

By way of introduction, my wife Stephanie and I live in Norwich. For over 20 years, she worked at the elementary school and I continue to work at DHMC. Our two daughters grew up here.

I'm writing to you for clarification regarding legal access to property owned by my mother in Taylor Valley.

To provide some context, my mother and father (Wayne and Cindy Andrus) bought 140 acres from John and Dale Howe in November 1969 and built a small pond and a cabin with an outhouse. For over 50 years, we've rarely missed a July 4 BBQ. My father died in 2005 and my mother, now getting on in years, has asked me to help protect the land by donating development rights (giving a conservation easement) to the UVLT. In the course of that work, a title search was done which found no evidence of legal access to the land and I was notified.

Years ago, I recall there being ambiguity about the road to the property and on a recent visit to my mom's place I searched through their files and found the enclosed letter from the selectboard to my parents and minutes of the July 1988 selectboard meeting. To me they appear to pretty clearly state an intention to designate the road from then TR 10 (now Hemenway) to the old foundation on my mom's property as a class IV road with no obligation for maintenance but legal access.

Can you confirm that this happened as planned and that there is legal access? The UVLT has concerns about being able to monitor the easement.

Thanks very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Bruce W. Andrus  
;  
1062 Turnpike Road



Norwich, VT

**From:** [Rett Emerson](#)  
**To:** [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Andrus Access Rd  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:42:08 PM

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From: **Rett Emerson** <[remerson@straffordvt.org](mailto:remerson@straffordvt.org)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 3:41 PM  
Subject: Andrus Access Rd  
To: <[jfhemenway@gmail.com](mailto:jfhemenway@gmail.com)>

Dear John Hemenway,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you again for speaking with me back in October about the classification of the road which allows access from Hemenway Rd to the Andrus property and travels through Taylor Valley LLC.

At our 10/13/21 meeting the Strafford selectboard voted to classify the .23 mile section of this road as a class 4 highway.

Sincerely,  
Rett Emerson  
Strafford Selectboard Member

**From:** [Rett Emerson](#)  
**To:** [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Andrus Rd  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:49:15 PM

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Hi Pam,

I'm going to forward you a couple of emails pertaining to the work done on this road. I don't really know how to add an email thread as an attachment so sorry for the disorganization of this.

Lisa, our clerk was not able to come up with a survey for Taylor valley LLC which was the Hemenway property.

As for the work performed on the road that we discussed, Strafford provided gravel and the culvert and a subcontractor paid by the landowner did the work. We don't have an invoice for the culvert and gravel because they came out of the towns stockpile.

Thank you very much and I'll be in touch,

Rett

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 4:58 PM AOT - Mileage Certificates  
<[AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov](mailto:AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Hi Rett,

It was good talking to you today and I wanted to follow up with you on what would help us to be able to accept the Andrus Rd as a Class 4 Town Highway for Strafford and add it to the 2022 Mileage Certificate and Town Highway Map. You had mentioned that the Town had done some culvert work on the road. If you have documentation on the culvert work that would help us to know that the Town has been doing maintenance on the road.

Do you have any surveys of the Hemenway property that may show the road's location? We don't necessarily need a survey of the road itself but if there is a property survey that may have the road sketched on it would be helpful.

We also had a few follow up questions:

- From the Selectboard minutes of October 2021, it mentions that the Town's legal advisor has reviewed the issue. What were their findings other than it going from one conserved property to another?
- The Selectboard minutes also mention a liaison clarified that the Selectboard voted in 1988 to make this a Class 4 road. Who is the liaison and what was their determination of the issue?

- Was any ancient roads research done on the road that could help us determine its legal legitimacy as a Town Road?

We just want to be sure that you have all the documentation you would need in the event of a challenge in the future, which we have seen occur in other Towns.

Thank you so much,

Pam

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**From:** [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)  
**To:** [Bragg, LisaM](#); [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)  
**Cc:** [Croft, Johnathan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Strafford Certificate of Highway Mileage  
**Date:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 6:01:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

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Hi again Lisa,

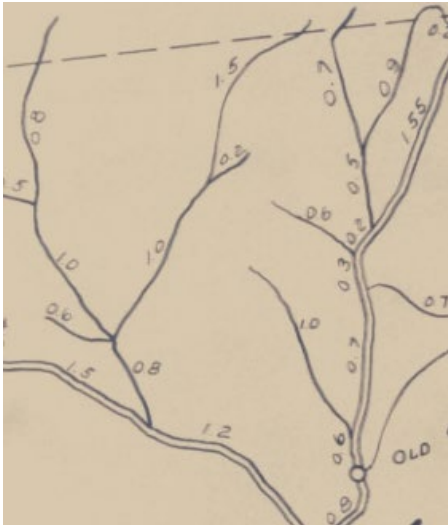
Thank you for the map and I see where it shows the original road is shown with the parcels and original lot lines.

We are able to see Andrus Road on some other maps, including the snippets below from some of the maps we have on file:

1877: The road leading to J. Preston may be the same road.



1931: the road is not shown on this map.



We are trying to get an understanding of how Andrus Road was legally established as a highway, either through the statutory laying out process or through “dedication and acceptance”. The 1988 letter from the Town provides an indication of Andrus Road being a highway, but we are seeking what mechanism the Town used to lay this highway out. We are seeking documentation regarding the legal establishment and how the road became a highway.

Since we came across some correspondence in our file between the AOT and Town of Strafford from 1987 that shows this road as not a town highway (I sent that to you yesterday), any additional details on the legal establishment of Andrus Road as a highway is needed.

Is there a survey from John Hemenway’s property and the Andrus property that you could send us that would show the laying out of the road? In order to accurately map the road, we could really use a survey. Also has the landowner for the Hemenway property been notified that this will now be a Class 4 Road? Since they own land where the old road is located, they must be notified of the change and we would need documentation of that notification.

The other thing that also comes to mind is whether this road was laid out as highway in the 1700’s or 1800’s and not added to the map. We have looked at the road survey’s that we have in our files and unfortunately not been able to link any to this road. If there was any ancient road research done, maybe there is a reference to an early highway survey description for when it was laid out.

I just downloaded the minutes from your most recent SB Meeting which included voting on signing the Mileage Certificate with Andrus Rd being added to the certificate. We also have the letter the Town sent to the Andrus’ from 1988 that you included with the certificate you sent.

Thank you,

Pam

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**From:** Town Of Strafford <townclerk@straffordvt.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:41 AM  
**To:** AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Strafford Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Hi Pam,

At the most recent Selectboard meeting the board was upholding the decision from the prior board reading their minutes from July 6, 1988, indicating that it would be considered a town road. Did I send those minutes? There was also a letter written to the Andrus family from the town dated July 12, 1988, also stating it to be a town road. It appeared to us that it never got added to the certificate of highway mileage and therefor we were doing it now. We had to change the Town Highway number because we already issued TH79 to another road and couldn't change that, so we gave it a new one TH73.

What is a Provisional Rd?

I do have a very old 1822 map that shows an old road that when through the Andrus property leading us to believe this was an original laid out road. I attached a copy here. Simon Sanborn appears to be the owner on the map, and you can see the pond where the old road went.

Please let me know if you need additional information and what you require to complete this.  
Thank you,

**Lisa M. Bragg, CVC, CVT**  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:10 PM  
**To:** Bragg, LisaM <[townclerk@straffordvt.org](mailto:townclerk@straffordvt.org)>; AOT - Mileage Certificates <[AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov](mailto:AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Strafford Certificate of Highway Mileage

Hi Lisa,

Thank you so much for sending the 2022 Mileage Certificate for Strafford. We also received the October 2021 Selectboard minutes regarding creating Andrus Road as a Class 4 Town Road. Our records show that this road was previously named TH-79, not TH-73. In the Town's letter to VTrans in 1987 (attached) and the Selectboard minutes from Feb. 11, 1987 (attached) indicate that TH-79 was not a Town Rd.

I also attached the map from 1987 that shows TH-79 as a Provisional Rd. Do you have any documentation regarding the laying out of Andrus Road? If you could please provide us with information on what might have occurred in 1988 to make this road a highway, whether by the statutory laying out process or through dedication and acceptance.

Here is the link to the legislation regarding the laying out or dedication and acceptance.

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/19/007>

Best,

Pam

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**From:** Town Of Strafford <[townclerk@straffordvt.org](mailto:townclerk@straffordvt.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 11:55 AM  
**To:** AOT - Mileage Certificates <[AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov](mailto:AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov)>



**Subject:** Strafford Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Morning,

Please find the signed certificate of highway mileage for Strafford, VT

Thank you

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