

District 6
Certcode 1210-0

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2024 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section via email to: aot.mileagecertificates@vermont.gov or if necessary via mail to: VTrans PPAID - Mapping Section, 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641.

We, the members of the legislative body of MIDDLESEX in WASHINGTON 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	0.000
Class 2	15.920			15.920	0.000
Class 3	32.03	0.16 0.1929924	32.223	32.19	0.000
State Highway	16.941	0.061		17.002	0.000
Total	64.891	0.221		65.112	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000			0	
* Class 4	9.14			9.14	0.000
* Legal Trail	3.51			3.51	

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

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

- NEW HIGHWAYS:** Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".
+0.061 mi Middlesex State Highway, new approaches at US-2
+1,019 feet of Welch Park Drive, formerly a private road, now a Class 3 road
+0.16 mi
- DISCONTINUED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).
- RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).
- SCENIC HIGHWAYS:** Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

Mileage adjustments by P. DeAndrea, VTrans, 2/27/2024 per email with Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk 2/23/2024

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:

[Handwritten signatures]

Signature of T/C/V Clerk: *[Handwritten signature]*

Date Filed: 2.6.2024

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
8B1F350F309C4C9...
Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 3/22/2024

DS
PO

BK: 159 PG: 189
INST: 00012197

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

VTrans Use Only	
Certificate Year:	<u>2024</u>
Highway Class:	<u>3</u>
Town Highway #:	<u>50</u>
Mileage:	<u>0.16</u>

Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town of Middlesex, Vermont.
(Clerk's Name) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village)

Pursuant to Title 19, V.S.A., Chapter 7, this is to certify that the following described section of Class 3 Highway in the Town of Middlesex was COMPLETED AND OPENED FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL on February 6, 2024.
(1,2,3 or 4) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name) (Month - Day) (Year)

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY:

(Include road name and intersecting town highway numbers)

Welch Park Drive - formerly a private road @1,019 feet in length, has been accepted as a Class 3 Town road. It begins at US Route 2 until it ends at the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department,

and as shown on a Highway Map of the Town of Middlesex, dated February 6, and filed in Book 159 on page 189 of the Records of the Town of Middlesex by the Town Clerk of said Town incorporated herein by reference and attested to on said map by said Town Clerk.
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village)

Dated at Middlesex, County of Washington and State of Vermont, this 6th day of February, A.D., 2024.
(City/Town/Village Name) (County Name) (Date - Day) (Date - Month) (Date - Year)

[Signature]
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)
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BOARD
OF
SELECTMEN,
ALDERMAN,
or TRUSTEES

(Manager/Mayor Signature)
and the Manager/Mayor of the City/Town/Village of Middlesex.
(City/Town/Village Name)

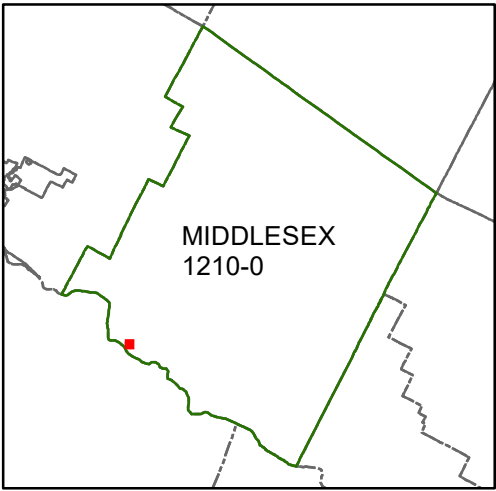
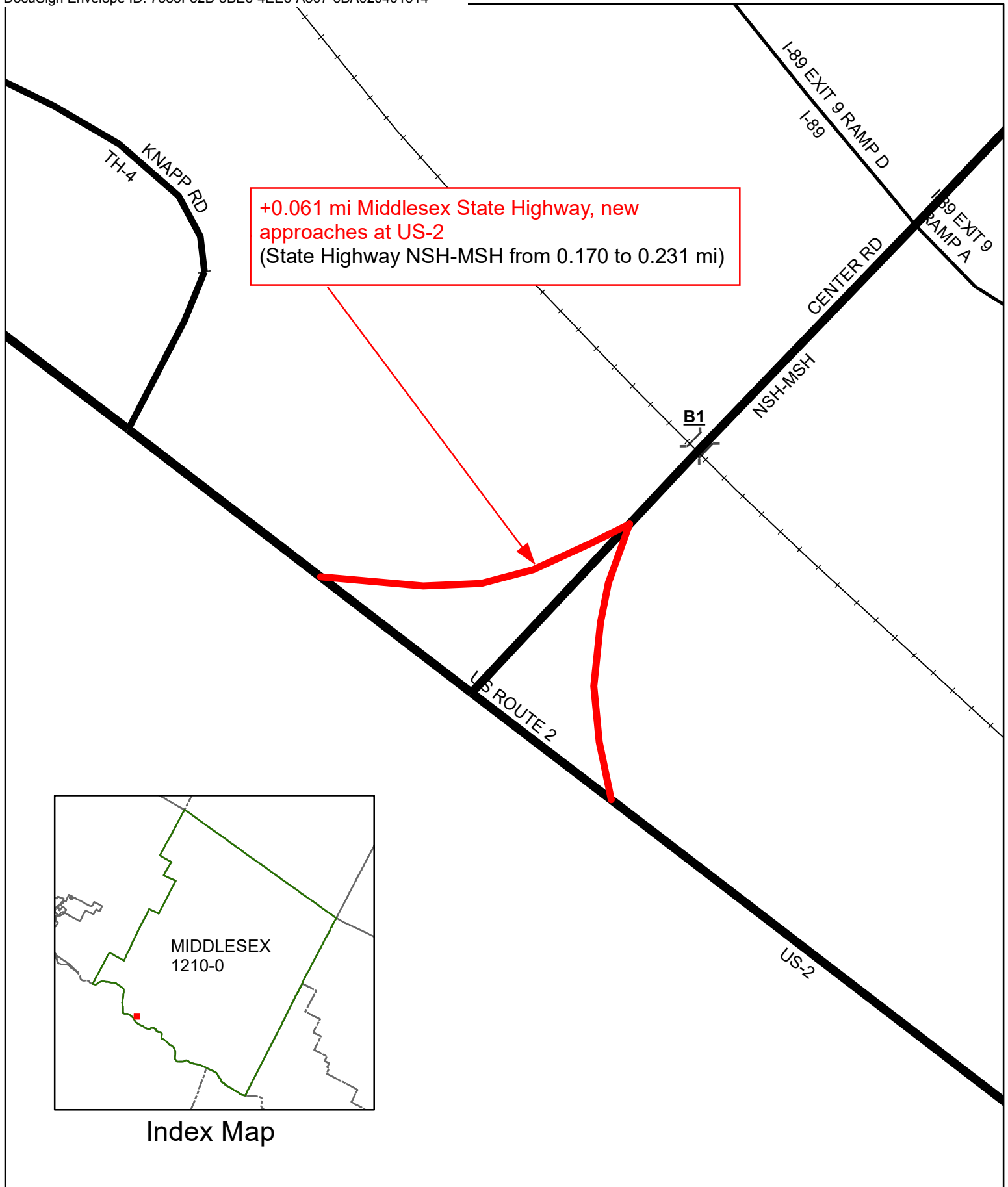
M. d. d. hesep, VERMONT February 6, 2024
(City/Town/Village Name) (Month - Day) (Year)

THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE DESCRIPTION OF CLASS 3 HIGHWAY COMPLETED AND OPENED FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL, RECORDED IN BOOK 159 ON PAGE 189 OF THE Land RECORDS OF THE Town OF Middlesex ON THE 7th DAY OF February, 2024, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P.M..
(1,2,3 or 4) (Book #) (Page #) (Land, Highway, etc.) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name) (Date - Day) (Date - Month) (Date - Year) (Time) (A or P)

ATTEST: [Signature]
(Clerk's Name)
Town CLERK OF Middlesex, VERMONT
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name)

Revision 12/2020

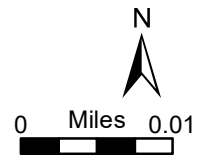
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MIDDLESEX, VT



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Mileage Certificate Changes 2024
MIDDLESEX NSH-MSH

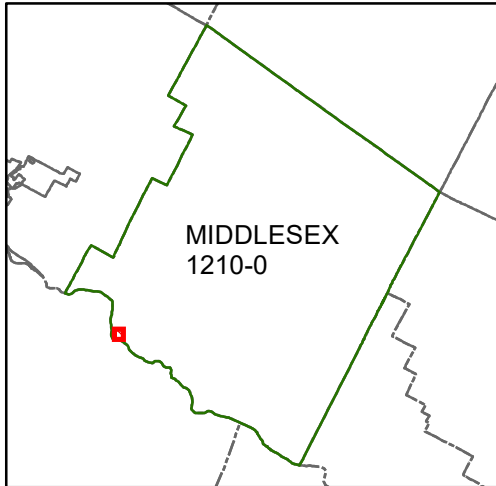
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+0.16 mi CL3 TH-50 (Welch Park Dr) new road
(from 0 to 0.16 mi)

US-2
US ROUTE 2

WELCH PARK DR
TH-50



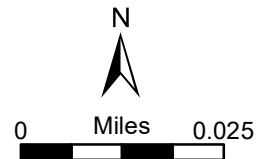
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Winooski River

Mileage Certificate Changes 2024

MIDDLESEX TH-50

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(CERTCODE:1210-0)



From: [DeAndrea, Pam](#)
To: clerk@middlesexvermont.org
Cc: [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)
Subject: Addition of Welch Park Drive 2024 Mileage Certificate
Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 11:02:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Sarah,

I conferred with my supervisor, Johnathan Croft, here and we can accept the addition of Welch Park Drive as a “Provisional” Class 3 road. This means that as soon as you get the deed, you will need to provide it to us right away so that we have the legal documentation of this road as a town owned right-of-way.

Thank you so much,

Pam

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From: clerk@middlesexvermont.org
To: [AOT - Mileage Certificates](mailto:AOT-MileageCertificates@vermont.gov)
Subject: RE: Middlesex 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 2:42:39 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

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Hi, Pam:

I'm working with the town attorney to iron out the deed vs survey issue. (The road is surveyed.)
I used Google maps to measure the road. You're probably right about the 0.16 miles.
It's a one-woman show here at the TC office in Middlesex. You'll have to forgive my inexactitude.

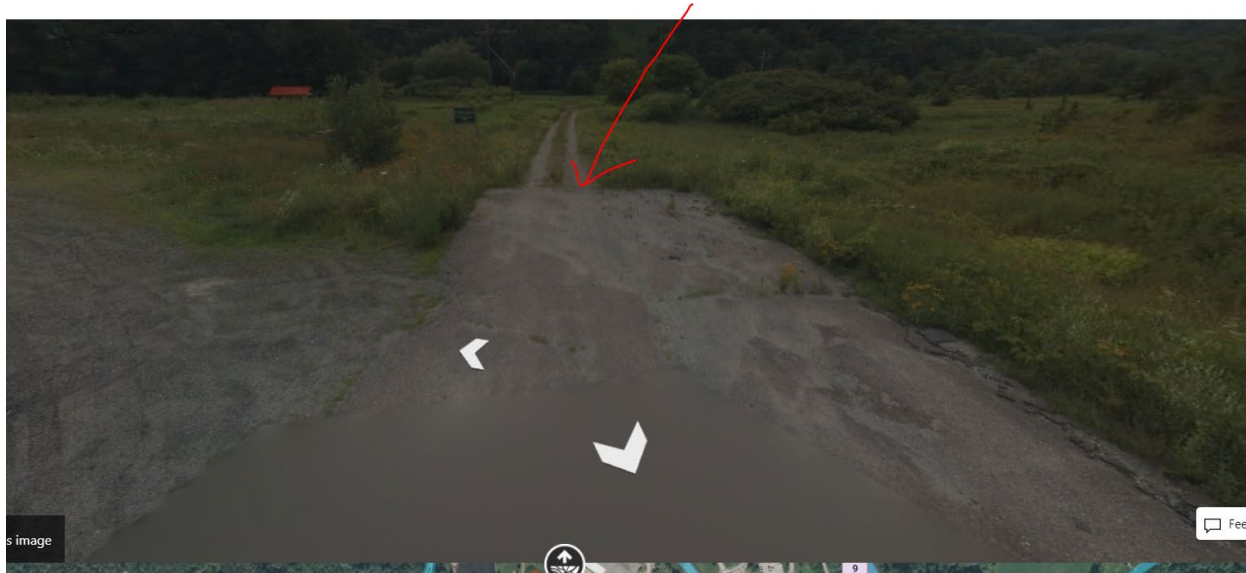
Thanks for your help!

Sarah

From: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:47 PM
To: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>; clerk@middlesexvermont.org
Subject: RE: Middlesex 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage

Oh and another thing Sarah,

I looked at the length of the road and I get something a little different in my software if the road ends where it looks like it ends just after the drive for the Town Garage (see image below from Bing streetview). I get about 870 feet or 0.16 miles, not 0.19 miles. Let me know if the Selectboard would agree that measure is more correct or if the Town owned ROW would extend to 0.19 miles.



Thank you!

Pam

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From: DeAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:26 PM
To: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>; clerk@middlesexvermont.org
Subject: RE: Middlesex 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage

Good morning Sarah,

I am working on Middlesex's 2024 Mileage Certificate. Thank you for the draft minutes of the Selectboard meeting adding Welch Park Drive as a Town road. You state in the minutes that the Town

followed the legislative process. Was this through dedication and acceptance? If so we would really like to have the deed for the transfer of the property for the right of way. If it was through the laying out process, we would need the survey.

Thank you so much and please provide us with any documentation that you may have so we can approve this change for the town.

Best,

Pam

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From: AOT - Mileage Certificates
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 3:04 PM
To: clerk@middlesexvermont.org; AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Middlesex 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage

We do not usually fill our Part I because towns may have additional changes like you. No you don't need to white out anything because it would just be an addition in the State Highway row, not the Class 3.

I can just add the change thank you!

Pam

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From: clerk@middlesexvermont.org <clerk@middlesexvermont.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:12 PM
To: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Middlesex 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Oh, I thought the State was going to deal with that on Part I. I can white-out and redo if that makes your life easier, Pam.

Yes, the SB understands that. I put the description in Part I (1), adding the 1,019 feet of Welch Park Drive.

They understand that!

Thanks,

Sarah

From: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:09 PM
To: clerk@middlesexvermont.org
Subject: RE: Middlesex 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage

Thank you we have received this. I noticed that you only added the new Class 3 mileage to Part I and not what we had preloaded in Part II for state highways. Just want to be sure that the Selectboard is aware of the change to **state highway mileage of +0.061 miles**. I can add this to the certificate before we sign it and return to you if the Selectboard agrees with that.

Thank you,

Pam

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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:47 PM
To: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT_MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>
Subject: Middlesex 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage

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Hello –

Please see attached the 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage for Middlesex along with a Certificate of Completion and Opening of a Highway for Public Travel signed and recorded in the Middlesex Land Records confirming that Middlesex added 1,019 feet of Class 3 road by accepting a private drive as a Class 3 Road per 19 V.S.A. 711 along with the draft minutes of the Select Board meeting in which this took place.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience that you received this,

Sarah

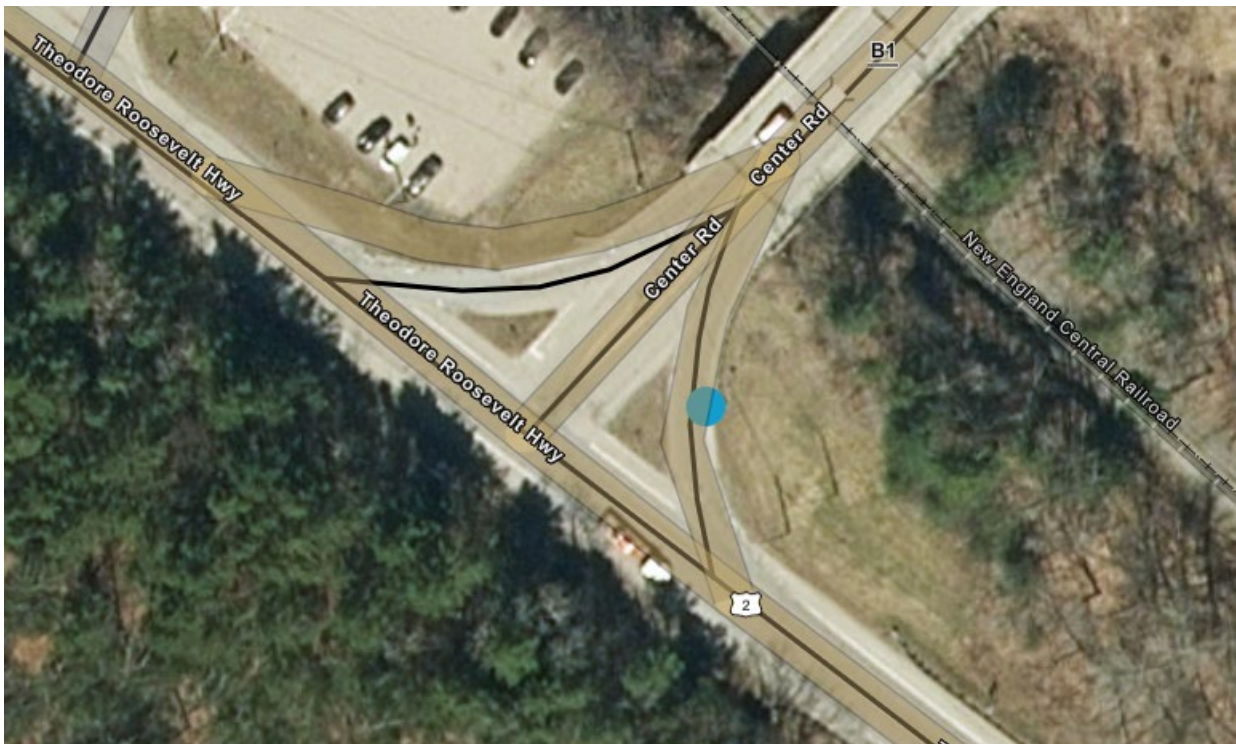
Sarah Merriman
Middlesex Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant
5 Church Street
Middlesex, Vermont 05602
Tel: (802) 223-5915
Fax: (802) 223-1298
Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM, Mondays through Thursdays. Closed Fridays.

"Note: Written communications to and from Town officials regarding Town business are considered public records and will be available to the public for review."

From: [DeAndrea, Pam](#)
To: ["clerk@middlesexvermont.org"](mailto:clerk@middlesexvermont.org)
Cc: [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)
Subject: Mileage and Town Highway Map change for 2024
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:32:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good afternoon Sarah,

I wanted to let you know that there will be a mileage change for US Highway ramps for Middlesex and a change in the Town Highway Map for 2024. We have preloaded this change onto the 2024 Mileage Certificate for Selectboard approval. The change involves the addition of ramps from Center Rd to Route 2 (see image below) and will result in the addition of 0.061 miles for US Highway ramps.



Thank you and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,

Pam

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Select Board Members

X_Peter Hood, Chair
 X Liz, Scharf, Vice Chair
 X_Randy Drury
 X_Vic Dwire
 X_Jeff Pryce

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Middlesex Town Hall and via Zoom*
 Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
 5 Church Street
 Middlesex, Vermont 05602
 (802) 223-5915

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Peter Hood*, Vice Chair Liz Scharf*. Select Board members, Randy Drury, Vic Dwire and Jeff Pryce. Treasurer Dorinda Crowell. MVFD Chief Eric Metivier (who is also the Road Foreman) and MVFD President Jeff Koonz. Samantha Beaudoin, Steve Dennis and Shelly Desjardin. Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman took the minutes, and the meeting was recorded by ORCA. (*indicates attended via Zoom)

Site Visit Welch Park Drive

PRESENT: Vice Chair Liz Scharf*, Members Randy Drury and Vic Dwire, Road Foreman Eric Metivier and Carl Bailin. The Board visited Welch Park Drive at 4 PM and reviewed the road's condition. The visit ended at 4:30 PM.

Call to Order, Welcoming Guests, Approving Minutes and Agenda

Since Peter and Liz Zoomed in, Randy chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

MOTION: Vic moved, and Jeff seconded, approving the January 23, 2024, Special Select Board meeting minutes. The motion passed and those present signed the minutes.

MOTION: Peter moved approving the February 6, 2024, Select Board Meeting with amendments: Correspondence from MCC Chair Adrienne Magida re: the Emergency Watershed Program, notice of the February 13, 2024, tour of Town Hall and an Executive Session. Jeff Pryce seconded. The motion passed.

Welch Park Drive Public Hearing

The Board convened a public hearing at 5:05 PM to solicit public input on plans to accept 1,019 feet +/- of Welch Park Drive, a private road, as a Class 3 Town road, per the procedure specified in 19 V.S.A. §711.

Peter said the whole reason the Town is accepting this road as a Town road is to precipitate the dissolution of the Welch Park Association, a project the Board has been working on for 4 years. Under the dissolution, the Town would give up all responsibility for the water system and assume responsibility for the road. He said that's not a change since the Town has been maintaining the road so the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department – located at the road's end - can get in and out. Vic asked about the trade off re: the water system. Vic is concerned about fire pond. Randy said each lot has its own well. Currently, the Town has shared responsibility for all wells. Dissolving the association removes the Town's responsibility for maintaining other systems. The Town will continue to have access to the pond for fire control and charging hydrants that will be in the Town's right of way. But the Town will not be responsible for the water/pond pumps.

Randy added that the Town will no longer be responsible for maintaining the association's books. He added that the Town should not have the burden of paying the bills up front and waiting for compensation from other members of the association.

Randy asked the public for comment; there was none.

Accepting Welch Park Drive as a Class 3 Town Road

MOTION: Vic moved, and Peter seconded accepting Welch Park Drive as a Class 3 Town Road. The motion passed. Board members present signed the corresponding Certificate of Completion and Opening of a Highway for Public Travel.

Certificate of Highway Mileage

MOTION: Vic moved, and Liz seconded approving the 2024 Certificate of Highway Mileage. The motion passed and Board members present signed the certificate. Eric asked if the Welch Park Drive pvt sign needed to be changed to remove the private; the Board said it should.

Highway Report

Eric said all trucks are running and the Department is stocking up on 1.5" stone for mud season.

The Board reviewed a change order for \$36,000 on work to be done on Davy Road by All Seasons. Randy said it needs to be put out to bid since it's essentially a different project than what All Seasons was doing this fall when, according to Vic, the excavation company discovered additional work needed to be done. Randy said the 6-month time difference between the emergency work that was completed and this work, which would be in the summer, makes it a separate project. Eric said All Seasons couldn't finish the project last fall since winter hit. They will have to complete the work in the summer and, according to Vic, usually "that's given to the guy who already has the contract." Randy said if others are more expensive, then All Seasons would be awarded the bid.

Peter said, presuming this project is going to be FEMA eligible, it should be put out to bid. Randy said he'd be okay with the change order if FEMA gives the go ahead to All Seasons to add this extra work. Liz noted the contract has a specific end date; Peter said that will need to be extended. Dorinda asked if this is emergency or permanent work. Vic said permanent work. Randy requested written approval from FEMA's Project Development Manager. The Board agreed and tabled the change order until the next meeting that, preferably, the Town's FEMA project coordinator will attend.

Treasurer's Report

Welch Park Commercial Lines Policy: Dorinda said the Town received renewal for the commercial lines policy covering Welch Park at a cost of \$2,323 and a deadline of March 15, 2024. Should this be renewed considering the association is about to be dissolved? Peter said a good goal would be to finish the dissolution before that deadline. He advised her to hold off from paying int.

Welch Park Stormwater Permit Payments: Dorinda asked if the Town should pay three bills from Watershed Consulting from November to December for a total of \$791 for professional fees, stormwater inspection and reporting having to do with the Welch Park Association. Peter asked to be sent a copy. The due dates are March 1st. In addition, the Town received a bill from VT ANR for the Welch Park Drive stormwater permit fee which also has a due date of March 1, 2024. Peter said the Town will have to pay that this year. By next year, that road will be bundled into the Town's General Stormwater Permit fees.

Vermont Bond Bank Loan: Dorinda said the Town has applied for a low-interest loan from the Vermont Bond Bank to pay for flood repairs. However, the Bond Bank reports that the total applications for the \$15 million in loans were \$35 million so the Bank may approach the Legislature for more money. Therefore, there's no word if Middlesex will receive a loan.

ARPA Deadline: Dorinda reminded the Board that the annual deadline for how ARPA funds have been expended approaches April 1st. The Town will have to account how ARPA money was allocated between April 1 of 2023 and March 31 of 2024. She said the VLCT recommends obligating all remaining ARPA funds before March 31st. They should be expended ASAP if they're used for services such as road repair, hazard mitigation, water supplies, etc. Peter asked about the wish list the Board created two years ago. He said that should be reviewed at the Board's next meeting on February 20th.

Dorinda said remaining funds can be transferred to a fund balance. She suggested spending \$200,000 on the excavator, which is being warned on the March 5, 2024 Town Meeting Warning. She said the Town's done a good job of lowering its debt service. Liz clarified that the Town hasn't spent its ARPA money on road repairs. Dorinda confirmed the Town borrowed from ARPA funds and the Town's fund balance to pay for \$500,000 of road repairs instead of taking out another \$500,000 from the Community Bank line of credit. Dorinda said even if voters approve Article 7 giving the Board permission to go into debt to purchase an excavator, the Board doesn't have to go into debt for the entire amount.

MVFD Pay: In response to Jeff Koonz's questions at the January 23rd meeting regarding how volunteer firefighters are paid, Dorinda said Cheryl Grandfield researched the issue. Since the MVFD is now a Town department operating under the Town's federal ID, the firefighters must be issued W-2s because they are technically employees. Right now, those W-2s are based on stipends submitted. Firefighters are paid for attending training and for going out on calls.

Jeff Koonz disagreed that the volunteer firefighters are employees of the town. He said he's not pushing for a compensation change now, but he couldn't see how in Vermont a volunteer firefighter could be classified an employee and not paid a minimum wage. Dorinda said that's why she's bringing this issue to the Board. The Town is picking up the employer's portion of payroll taxes; in the past, members were issued 1099s and had to pay the employer's portion.

Randy said guidance from the Department of Labor specifically states that a W-2 is a requirement and that it's illegal to pay volunteers on an hourly basis. Once a firefighter is no longer a volunteer, then wages and overtime apply. Jeff and Eric left the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence: The Board reviewed an email from Adrienne asking if the Town would be willing to make an in-kind contribution of Highway Department labor on the Emergency Watershed Program projects to reduce the 25% match that otherwise would have to be paid entirely by the participating homeowners.

Peter said until the Town is done with flood recovery it cannot assume additional expenses. Vic and Jeff Pryce agreed. Liz said the whole point of the EWP grant is to mitigate effects of the next flood, not only for the roads, but also for the participants who might be at risk of losing their homes. Peter said the in-kind suggestion is being offered because the program's afraid several of the participating homeowners will not be able to come up with 25%. Randy noted the Road Crew is already swamped with work. This will be another distraction. Dorinda said the program involves only 9-10 homeowners for a total cost of \$460,000. Randy said if the Road Crew couldn't attend to every property, then how do you pick and choose which residents will get the Town's services.

Vic said the Town can't even get a handle on bottom of McCullough and the Great Brook where debris is threatening the bridge because the Town doesn't have a excavator that can dig out that material.

Liz said she reached out to the USDA to talk about the conundrum of cost since the Town will have to front the money for the EWP before receiving compensation. She said the USDA indicated Middlesex isn't the only town with such concerns. She's exploring other grants. She agreed with Randy the Road Crew was too busy. The Board rejected this request.

As for the second part of the email, confirming that the contract will be between the Town of Middlesex and the selected engineering consultant and selected construction company, the Board said that's understood.

Town Hall walkthrough: Liz said the Town will hold an open house at Town Hall at 6 PM, February 13th so voters can tour Town Hall as it exists now and inspect plans for a potential future rehabilitation.

Sarah read an email from Heather McLane complaining about being harassed by aggressive dogs on French Road that may or may not be housed at 99 French Road. While Board members who walked French Road reported no problems, they authorized Sarah to send a letter to 99 French Road asking them to license and restrain their dogs.

Mead Road Issues: The Board reviewed a letter from Zach French in which he stated he would not attend the February 6th Board meeting to answer questions about ice blocks at the end of Mead Road and to direct further inquiries to his attorneys. The Board also reviewed an email from his wife Evelyn Prim saying she and her husband want to live in peace and hopes the Board will reject claims from Samantha Beaudoin and Steve Dennis that Zach is intentionally blocking the road in violation of State law and local regulations. Peter suggested the Town turn this matter over to the Town attorney and let him correspond with Zach and Evelyn's lawyer. Several Board members said they could not see the ice blocks as actual blockage. Sam said the ice chunk was a foot tall and, in her opinion, was intentionally put in the roadway as harassment. She said the Board has an obligation to uphold State statutes and keep the roads clear.

Liz said the Board gave Zach an opportunity to explain why he was watering the road with a watering can and why he put a snow chunk in the road. He declined to come. Her recommendation was that the Board send a letter to his lawyer with a fine.

Vic said he didn't see the snowball as a big issue. If it happened on his road, he'd simply drive around it. He asked Sam what she wants the Board to do. Sam said the Board has promised to put a "bridge out" sign at the end of Mead Road and hasn't. It promised to have the road graded and crowned and hasn't. She said she keeps coming to the meeting and getting no results.

MOTION: Peter moved to turn over this matter to the Town Attorney. Jeff Pryce seconded. The motion passed.

MOTION: Vic moved, and Liz seconded entering Executive Session to discuss the status of a current contact as permitted under 1 V.S.A. § 313(1) (A) with no action afterward and to include Sarah and Dorinda. The motion passed and the Board entered Executive Session at 6:30 PM. The Board exited at 7:25 PM.

All orders were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant

THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS A WARNED AGENDA ITEM AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024.

PETER O. HOOD, CHAIR

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