CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2002

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2002 to: VT Agency of Transportation, Technical Services Division, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the Selectmen or Aldermen or Trustees of JAMAICA

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County

on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Title 19, V.S.A, Sec #305, added 1985, is as follows

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	Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
	Class 1	0.000				0.000
*	Class 1 Lane	0.000			1	
	Class 2	6.440			6.44	0.000
	Class 3	43.350		TH.25 1,514	43.06	0.000
	State Highway	14.675			14.675	0.000
*	Class 4	2.880				0.000
	Total	64.465			64.175	0.000
	* Class 1 Lane Mi	ileage and Class 4 i	is NOT includ	led in total.		
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TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Report on the Discontinuance of
HAMILTON ROAD (J-25) and "LOOP ROAD"

On October 22, 2001 at 6:00 p.m., the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Jamaica met with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stratton at the intersection of County Road (Stratton Town Highway #5) and Lost Lane (Stratton Town Highway #6) for a site visit of two roads being considered for discontinuance in accordance with the Board's own motion, as authorized by the provisions of 19 VSA Chapter 7 as amended. Present at the site visit were: David Hamilton, Jamaica Selectman; Robert Pu, Esq., Stratton Town Attorney; Stratton Selectmen Al Dupell, Chris Liller and Earl Pickering; Stratton Town Clerk Kent Young; and interested parties: Timothy O'Connor, Esq.; Michael Bills; Michael Fitzpatrick; Douglas Forrester; Elinor Forrester; Gary Washburn; and Rachel Stoll.

Following the site visit, a Public Hearing was convened at 7:20 p.m. by Al Dupell, Chair of the Stratton Board of Selectmen, at the Stratton Town Office. Present at the Public Hearing were: David Hamilton, Arnold Young and Joel Beckwith, Jamaica Selectman; Carole J. Melis, Esq., Jamaica Town Attorney; Robert Pu, Esq., Stratton Town Attorney; Stratton Selectmen Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Earl Pickering; Stratton Town Clerk Kent Young; Timothy O'Connor, Esq.; Michael Bills; Michael Fitzpatrick; Douglas Forrester; Elinor Forrester; Gary Washburn; and Rachel Stoll. Due notice was given by certified mail to all owners and interested persons shown on the attached list at least 30 days before the date of the hearing. Notice was also posted within the Town, given to the Planning Commission, and published in the Brattleboro Reformer on October 10, 2001, a date at least 10 days before the date of the Hearing.

At the hearing, two witnesses, Gary Washburn and Rachel Stoll, asked that the roads not be discontinued but be made into or continued as permanent town trails for recreational purposes. Michael Bills and Michael Fitzpatrick, individually and through their attorney, Timothy O'Connor, objected to throwing up the town trail known as Loop Road, since their land is only accessible by that means. Discussion followed regarding the risks and liabilities to the Towns as well as to the landowners if the roads were discontinued.

After hearing the witnesses and making the inspection, the Selectmen make the following findings of fact:

- 1. That Hamilton Hill Road is a Class 3 highway from its intersection with Pikes Falls Road to the Stratton Town Line, which has been maintained at public expense as an access to the Town of Stratton.
- 2. That past the initial 650 feet of road and for the remaining 1514.8 feet, more or less, to the Stratton Town Line, there are no houses or other residences served by Hamilton Hill Road.
- 3. That since the Town of Stratton has voted to discontinue the continuation of said Hamilton Hill

Road, identified in Stratton as "Lost Lane," there is no benefit to the Town of Jamaica to continue bearing the cost of maintaining this road to class 3 specifications.

- 4. That the so-called Loop Road, located between Forrester Road and Hamilton-Hill Road, which commences on the Stratton Town Line, runs approximately one mile in a half circle within the Town of Jamaica and terminates on the Stratton Town Line, is a town trail.
- 5. That Walter Forrester, Michael Bills and Michael Fitzpatrick, owners of lands adjacent to said Loop Road, objected to this trail being discontinued.
- 6. That since Loop Road has not been maintained for many years, there is no expense the Town of Jamaica will incur in retaining it as a town trail.

Based on the preceding findings, and pursuant to 19 VSA §§ 708 - 711, the Selectmen find that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants require that Hamilton Hill Road (Town Highway J-25) commencing at a point 650 feet from its intersection with Pikes Falls Road and running 1514.8 feet to the Stratton Town Line, be discontinued, and it is ordered that said roadway be set and shall henceforth belong to owners of the adjoining lands; if it is located between lands of two different owners, it shall be set to the lots to which it originally belonged, if they can be ascertained; if not, it shall be equally divided between the owners of the lands on each side.

The Selectmen's motion to discontinue Loop Road is hereby denied, and its current status as a town trail shall be retained.

VOTED UPON AT SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12th, 2001.

Dated at Jamaica, Vermont, this 10th day of December, 2001.

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