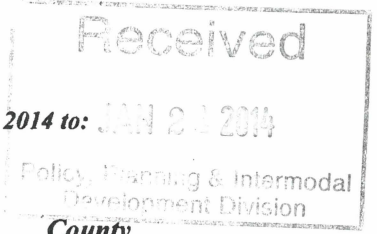


CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2014



Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2014 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the members of the legislative body of ROCKINGHAM in WINDHAM 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.

Table with columns: Town Highways, Previous Mileage, Added Mileage, Subtracted Mileage, Total, Scenic Highways. Rows include Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, State Highway, Total, Class 1 Lane, Class 4, Legal Trail, Unidentified Corridor.

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

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

- 1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".
2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting). The class 4 was not on the highway map. Contact Elton Howard 802-463-1229, ext. 404 for information. So-called River St. Ext.
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: Check box and sign below. []

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures: [Handwritten signatures]

T/C/V Clerk Signature: [Handwritten signature] Date Filed: Jan. 22, 2014

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] DATE: 5/27/2014 Representative, Agency of Transportation Johnathan Croft

Vermont Statutes Annotated

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

§ 305. Measurement and inspection

(a) After reasonable notice to the selectboard, a representative of the agency may measure and inspect the class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each town to verify the accuracy of the records on file with the agency. Upon request, the selectboard or their designee shall be permitted to accompany the representative of the agency during the measurement and inspection. The agency shall notify the town when any highway, or portion of a highway, does not meet the standards for its assigned class. If the town fails, within one year, to restore the highway or portion of the highway to the accepted standard, or to reclassify, or to discontinue, or develop an acceptable schedule for restoring to the accepted standards, the agency for purposes of apportionment under section 306 of this title shall deduct the affected mileage from that assigned to the town for the particular class of the road in question.

(b) Annually, on or before February 10, the selectboard shall file with the town clerk a sworn statement of the description and measurements of all class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails then in existence, including any special designation such as a throughway or scenic highway. When class 1, 2, 3, or 4 town highways, trails, or unidentified corridors are accepted, discontinued, or reclassified, a copy of the proceedings shall be filed in the town clerk's office and a copy shall be forwarded to the agency.

(c) All class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails shall appear on the town highway maps by July 1, 2015.

(d) At least 45 days prior to first including a town highway or trail that is not clearly observable by physical evidence of its use as a highway or trail and that is legally established prior to February 10, 2006 in the sworn statement required under subsection (b) of this section, the legislative body of the municipality shall provide written notice and an opportunity to be heard at a duly warned meeting of the legislative body to persons owning lands through which a highway or trail passes or abuts.

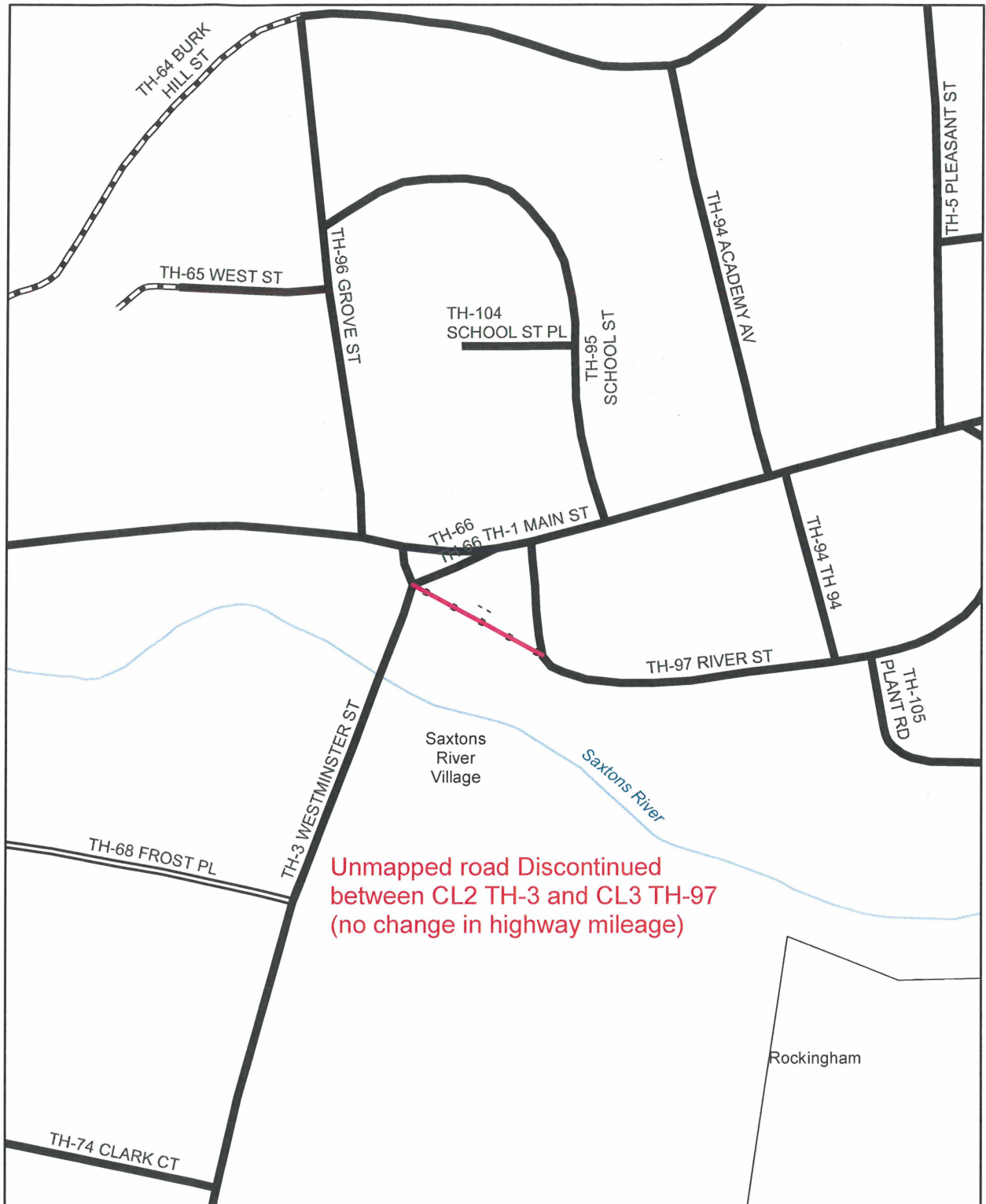
(e) The agency shall not accept any change in mileage until the records required to be filed in the town clerk's office by this section are received by the agency. A request by a municipality to the agency for a change in mileage shall include a description of the affected highway or trail, a copy of any surveys of the affected highway or trail, minutes of meetings at which the legislative body took action with respect to the changes, and a current town highway map with the requested deletions and additions sketched on it. A survey shall not be required for class 4 town highways that are legally established prior to February 10, 2006. All records filed with the agency are subject to verification in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(f) The selectboard of any town who are aggrieved by a finding of the agency concerning the measurement, description, or classification of a town highway may appeal to the transportation board by filing a notice of appeal with the executive secretary of the transportation board.

(g) The agency shall provide each town with a map of all of the highways in that town together with the mileage of each class 1, 2, 3, and 4 highway, as well as each trail, and such other information as the agency deems appropriate.

Excerpt of 19 V.S.A. § 305 - *Measurement and inspection* from Vermont Statutes Online located at – <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=19&Chapter=003&Section=00305>

1/2/2014



Mileage Certificate Change 2014 ROCKINGHAM - Saxtons River Village

Mapping Unit
Division of Policy and Planning
Vermont Agency of Transportation -- January 2014



Town Highway/Legal Trails Addition/Reclassification/Discontinuance Checklist

Submission of this checklist is not required, but is supplied to help municipalities organize the documentation required to process additions / reclassifications / discontinuances of highways and trails. The documentation is subject to verification by VTrans.

Check the box if the information is included as part of the documentation submitted.

- A description of the affected highway or trail
Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 305(e)
- Minutes of meetings at which the legislative body took action with respect to the changes (include copies of the meeting minutes) Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 305(e)
- A current town highway map with the requested deletions and additions sketched on it
Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 305(e)
- Evidence of written notice to adjoining landowners
(include a copy of the newspaper notice and a copy of the letter sent to adjoining landowners)
Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 709
- A copy of any surveys of the affected highway or trail*
Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 305(e) Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 704

*Note: A survey shall not be required for class 4 town highways that are legally established prior to February 10, 2006 // and a survey is not needed for Discontinuances.

For Class 3 or Class 4 town highway additions

- A Certificate of Completion and Opening
While not required by statute, a Certificate of Completion and Opening form is a helpful document for the record.

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- If the highway or trail to be added is “not clearly observable by physical evidence of its use as a highway or trail”, then supply the additional documentation pursuant to the following statute:

19 V.S.A. § 305(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.

All records filed with the agency are subject to verification in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 305 (a) and 19 V.S.A. § 305 (e).

TOWN HWY. NO.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 3	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 4
5	0.360	
17	0.130	
41	0.080	
42	0.150	
53	0.050	
64	0.530	
65	0.050	
66	0.020	
67	0.130	
68	0.190	
74	0.170	
85	0.150	
86	0.050	
91	0.150	
92	0.100	
93	0.070	
94	0.140	
* 94	(0.060)	
95	0.190	
96	0.170	
97	0.240	
98	0.200	
104	0.220	
105	0.090	
TOTAL	3.450	0.060

* Portion of this town highway is Class 3, but is functionally Class 4

MILEAGE SUMMARY

CLASS 2		CLASS 3	
TH-1	0.990	TOTAL CLASS 2	1.950
TH-2	0.360	TOTAL CLASS 3	3.450
TH-3	0.600	TOTAL TOWN	6.400

TOTAL, TRAVELED HIGHWAYS, FEB. 10, 2005: 5.400
(Excludes Class 4 Mileage)



Re road discontinue



- HIGHWAYS**
- INTERSTATE
- U.S. ROUTE
- STATE ROUTE
- CLASS 1
- CLASS 2
- CLASS 3
- CLASS 4
- STATE - HARD SURFACE OR PAVED
- TOWN - HARD SURFACE OR PAVED
- GRAVEL
- SOIL OR GRADED AND DRAINED EARTH
- UNIMPROVED OR PRIMITIVE
- IMPASSABLE OR UNTRAVELED
- LEGAL TRAIL
- DISCONTINUED
- HIGHWAY CLASS CHANGE
- PUBLIC LAND
- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
- STATE BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- URBAN COMPACT BOUNDARY
- WATER BODIES
- OPEN WATER
- SWAMP
- STREAM OR BROOK
- BRIDGE OR CULVERT
- BRIDGE OR CULVERT GREATER THAN 20'
- BRIDGE OR CULVERT 6' - 20'
- B24 STATE BRIDGE IDENTIFIER
- B34 TOWN BRIDGE IDENTIFIER
- FEDERAL CLASSIFICATION IDENTIFIER
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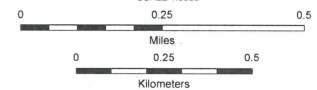
VERMONT
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
Village of Saxtons River
WINDHAM COUNTY

Transportation District #2

Prepared by the
Vermont Agency of Transportation
Policy & Planning Division
in cooperation with
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Mileage as of Feb. 10, 2005
Map generated January 2006

SCALE 1:6336



DISCLAIMER
Highway and bridge data by the Agency of Transportation, Policy & Planning Division. All other data from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

DECISION AND ORDER OF THE SELECTBOARD
OF THE
TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT
FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A TOWN HIGHWAY
in SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE,
IN THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2013, the Rockingham Selectboard held a site inspection, and at 6:30 p.m. on November 5, 2013, held a public hearing for the purpose of taking testimony of interested persons, and adjoining landowners, as to whether the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality required that a portion of an unnumbered Town Highway in Rockingham, running between River Street and Westminster Street in Saxtons River Village, be discontinued or reclassified. The hearing was continued to December 3, 2013 and thereafter to January 7, 2014.

Due notice was given by certified mail to all owners and interested persons in the Towns of Rockingham at least 30 days before the date of the hearing including: Christopher Morrill, People's United Bank, Saxtons River Village, and the Commissioner, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Notice was hand-delivered to the Rockingham Planning Commission. Notice of the site visit and hearing was published in the Eagle Times on September 26, 2013. Notice was provided to the Town Clerk of Rockingham and the public notice was posted in Rockingham on September 24, 2013.

During the site inspection, members of the Selectboard walked portions of the highway. The following persons were present at the site inspection: Rockingham Selectboard members Thomas MacPhee, Chair; Peter Golec, Vice-chair, Ann and Josh Hearne. Member Susan Hammond was not present. Also present were Municipal Manager Willis D. Stearns, Rockingham Planning-Zoning Administrator Ellen Howard; Ryan Ostebo, Saxtons River Village Trustee; Chris Morrill, abutter; Fletcher Proctor, Esq., attorney for Chris Morrill, and Chris Garofolo, press.

The following persons were present for the hearing on November 5, 2013: Rockingham Selectboard members MacPhee, Golec, DiBernardo, Hammond, and Hearne; Municipal Manager Stearns, Planning-Zoning Administrator Howard; Timothy Clark, Saxtons River Village Trustee; Chris Morrill, abutter; and Fletcher Proctor, attorney for Mr. Morrill.

Present at the subsequent continuances on December 3, 2013 and/or January 7, 2014 were Selectboard members MacPhee, Golec, DiBernardo, Hammond, Hearne; Municipal Manager Stearns, Planning-Zoning Administrator Howard; Chris Morrill, attorney Fletcher Proctor; Ryan Ostebo, Louise Luring, and Matthew Brennan, Saxtons River Village Trustees.

After hearing the witnesses, and making the inspection, the Rockingham Selectboard makes the following findings of fact:

1. Saxtons River Village submitted a request, dated March 11, 2013, to the Rockingham

Selectboard seeking discontinuance of a town highway located in Saxtons River Village. The highway runs from the west end of River Street westward towards the south end of Westminster Street.

2. The Rockingham Selectboard, on its own motion at its meeting of July 2, 2013, proposed to hold a hearing on discontinuing or reclassifying a portion of this town highway.
3. The highway was laid out on June 18, 1818 in Book 6 , page 139 (also Book 26, page 53), of the Rockingham Land Records. There was no width referenced in the lay-out.
4. The highway is shown on the 1869 Beers Map of Saxtons River. The location of the highway is still visible at the base of an embankment which slopes down from Main Street.
5. The highway has not been maintained in recent years by the Town of Rockingham. It is not numbered, or included on the highway map filed with the Vermont Agency of Transportation. It has been and is a class 4 town highway.

The town highway is eroded at the west end. The highway had been passable by vehicular traffic previously. The erosion has been aggravated by more recent intense storms. It is not passable by 4-wheeled vehicles a this time.

6. In the past, the town highway provided access to mills located along the north embankment of the Saxtons River. More recently, it provided access to the rear lower level of a garage building located at the southeast corner intersection of Main and Westminster Streets.

The garage was demolished in June, 2010, and fill placed on the lot. The fill slopes downhill and may cover a portion of the town highway. The garage property is a Brownfields site which had contamination due to a gasoline spill.

7. Saxtons River Village acquired the former Sandri Realty garage lot via Quit Claim deed dated May 25,2012 and recorded in the Land Records on September 5, 2012.

Brownfields contamination was found on this parcel, and other Village owned land immediately adjacent. A plan has been developed to cap the contaminated soils on the Village property, including the area within the town highway.

Saxtons River Village plans to develop a public park on the Village owned property. The town highway is located within the planned park.

8. The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation reviewed the proposed discontinuance. In a letter dated October 18, 2013, the Department indicated it supported the discontinuance of this class 4 town highway.

9. The highway runs through the land owned by Saxtons River Village on the north and south sides of the road and it abuts land owned by Christopher Morrill on the north side, east end of the highway. Morrill accesses his property via the class 4 highway at its east end.

10. A survey by DBS Surveys, Inc., entitled "Boundary Survey and Topographic Site Plan of Properties of Sandri Realty Inc., Main Street (Route 121) and Saxtons River Village Corporation, Westminster St. And River St.", was done December 1, 2011. This survey is recorded in the Rockingham Land Records at Cabinet 3, slide 123 A.

A private 10 ft. wide right-of-way is shown on the survey in approximately the same location as the town highway. This right-of-way was created after the town highway lay-out of 1818. Information provided by abutter Morrill indicated that his lot has the benefit of the right-of-way.

11. Abutter Morrill utilizes the east end of the town highway as access to his property. His is a three-unit residence and all units use the same access. Morrill objected to the discontinuance of the town highway due to concerns regarding continued access over the town highway to his property.

12. The right-of-way for each highway and trail shall be three rods wide unless otherwise properly recorded. 19V.S.A. §702. No width was recorded in the 1818 layout of the town highway. The right-of-way width of this town highway is three rods (49.5 ft.) by statute.

While the right-of-way width by statute is three rods, the actual travel width of the old town highway has been significantly less than three rods. It appears much of the right-of-way over the Village land was covered by fill material when the garage was demolished and the foundation area filled in. Further, it appears that much of the right-of-way width on the Morrill land is used both for access and for vehicular parking and yard area.

13. Abutter Morrill has a circular driveway. The southerly portion of the driveway and access is via the class 4 town highway. The northerly portion of the driveway is off River Street. The sole access onto the Morrill property is not just via the class 4 town highway since there is also access directly from River Street.

14. If the discontinued highway is not designated as a trail, the right-of-way shall belong to the owners of the adjoining lands. If it is located between the lands of two different owners, it shall be returned to the lots to which it originally belonged, if they can be determined; if not, it shall be equally divided between the owners of the lands on each side. 19V.S.A. 775. The centerline is determined based upon the centerline of the traveled way, *Ludlow v. Watson*, 153. VT. 437, when research has not determined from which lots the highway right-of-way was laid over.

It appears that discontinuance of the entire length of the class 4 town highway would result in Morrill having continued access over a one-half portion of the right-of-way at the east end of the old town highway. His access would not be eliminated.

15. The traveled way is depicted on a survey entitled "Boundary Survey and Topographic Site Plan of Properties of Sandri Realty, Inc. and Saxtons River Village Corporation," by DBS Surveys, Inc., dated December 1, 2011 and recorded in the Rockingham land records at Plat Cabinet #3, slide 123A.

Based on the preceding findings, and pursuant to 19 V.S.A. sections 708-711 and 771, the Rockingham Selectboard makes the following conclusions:


A. That the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants does not require a town highway between River Street and Westminster Street;

B. That the class 4 town highway is discontinued from the intersection with River Street and running in a northwesterly direction to the intersection with Westminster Street, as said traveled way is depicted on the survey entitled "Boundary Survey and Topographic Site Plan of Properties of Sandri Realty, Inc. and Saxtons River Village Corporation," by DBS Surveys, Inc., dated December 1, 2011 and recorded in the Rockingham land records at Plat Cabinet #3, slide 123A, and ownership shall revert to the abutters along the centerline of the ten foot wide right-of-way as depicted.

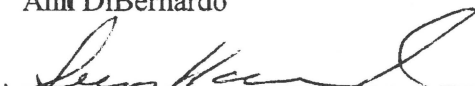
Per Order of the Rockingham Selectboard, dated this 21st day of January, 2014 at Rockingham, Vermont.

ROCKINGHAM SELECTBOARD


Thomas MacPhee, Chair

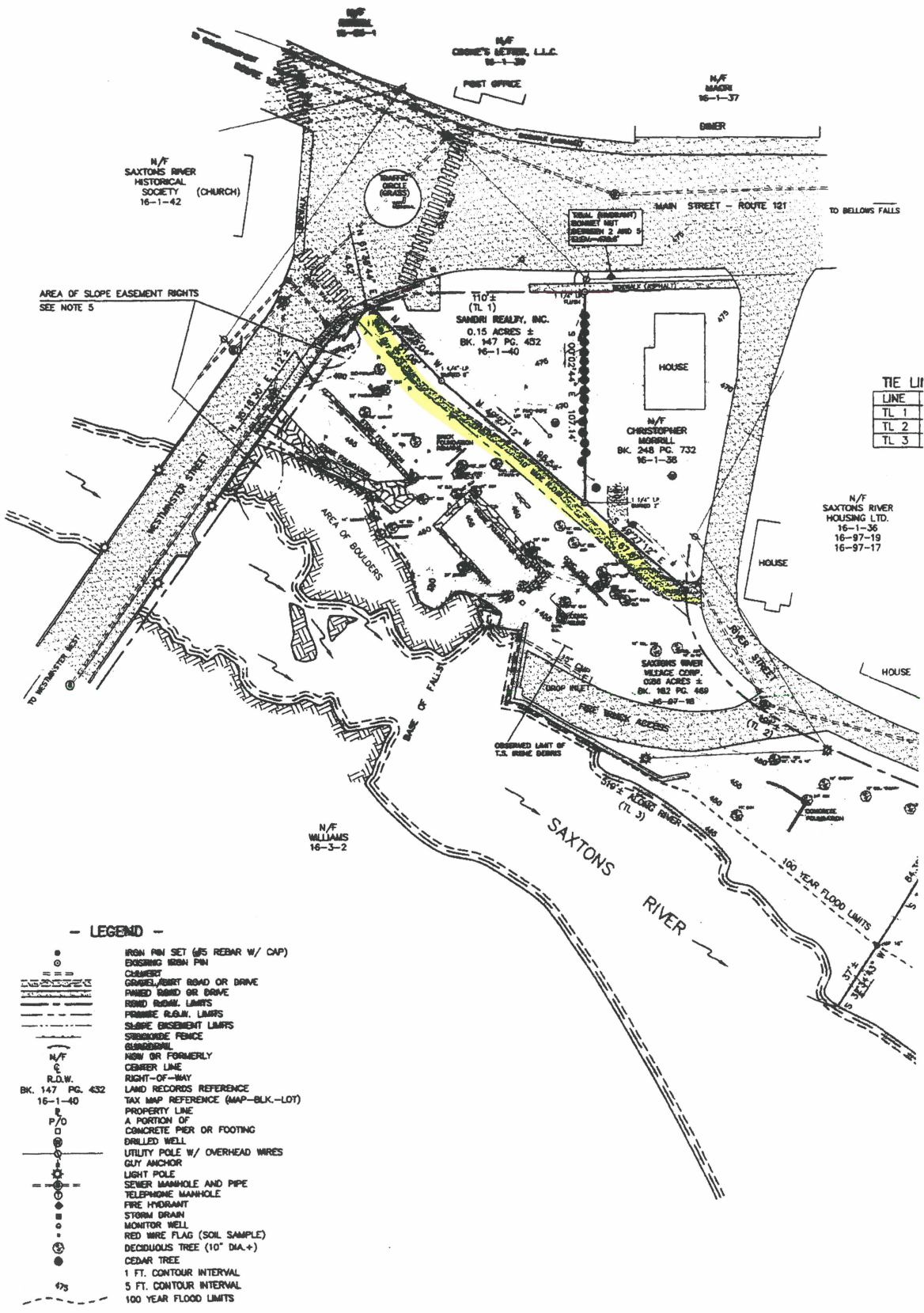

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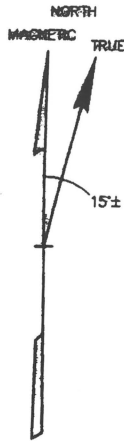
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— LEGEND —

- IRON PIN SET (6/8 REBAR W/ CAP)
- EXPOSING IRON PIN
- CONCRETE
- GRUNDEL/DRY ROAD OR DRIVE
- PAVED ROAD OR DRIVE
- ROAD BUSHW. LIMITS
- FENCE BUSHW. LIMITS
- SLOPE EASEMENT LIMITS
- SUBIRROIDE FENCE
- SUBIRROIDE
- N/F
- R.D.W.
- BK. 147 PG. 432
- 16-1-40
- P/O
- D
- DRILLED WELL
- UTILITY POLE W/ OVERHEAD WIRES
- GUY ANCHOR
- LIGHT POLE
- SEWER MANHOLE AND PIPE
- TELEPHONE MANHOLE
- FIRE HYDRANT
- STORM DRAIN
- MONITOR WELL
- RED WIRE FLAG (SOIL SAMPLE)
- DECIDUOUS TREE (10" DIA.+)
- CEDAR TREE
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- 5 FT. CONTOUR INTERVAL
- 100 YEAR FLOOD LIMITS



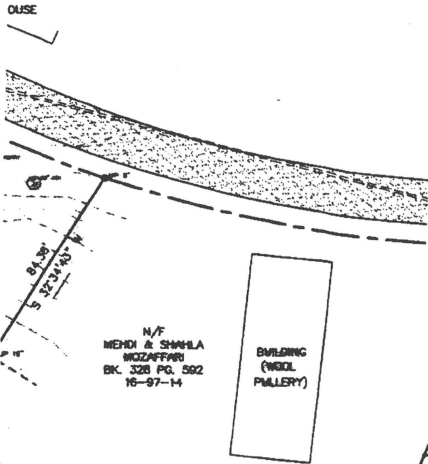
- LOCATION MAP -

-NOTES-

1. BOUNDARIES BASED ON DEEDS OF RECORD AND MONUMENTATION FOUND.
2. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FOLLOWING PLANS: "TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN OF THE FREY MILL SITE AND THE SUNOCO GAS STATION, PREPARED FOR GRIFFIN INTERNATIONAL, VILLAGE OF SAXTONS RIVER, ROCKINGHAM, VT.", DATED 11/13/2002, DWG. NO. 2517, BY DIBERNARDO ASSOC., L.L.C.; AND "WESTMINSTER STREET OVER SAXTONS RIVER RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN, TENNEY BRIDGE, PROJ. NO. BH-0129(3)S, ROCKINGHAM, VT.", DATED 4/11/2002, BY THE LOUIS BERGER GROUP, INC.
3. SURVEY COMPLETED BY A CLOSED AND ADJUSTED TOTAL STATION TRAVERSE.
4. BEARINGS ARE IN RELATION TO A 11/16/11 MAGNETIC OBSERVATION.
5. THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM WAS DEEDED SLOPE EASEMENT RIGHTS, IN AREAS SHOWN, BY SANDRI REALTY, INC. IN BK. 267 PG. 240 AND BY THE SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE CORP. IN BK. 267 PG. 22B.
6. THE SANDRI REALTY, INC. PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A 50' WIDE OVERHEAD UTILITY EASEMENT AS DEEDED TO GREEN MTN. POWER CORP. AND N.E. TEL. & TEL. CO. AS PER BK. 250 PG. 3B3.
7. THE SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE CORP. PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:
 - A.) AN OVERHEAD UTILITY EASEMENT DEEDED TO THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM IN BK. 154 PG. 424.
 - B.) A 10' WIDE ACCESS EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AS SHOWN AND AS WAS RESERVED IN BK. 182 PG. 469 AND BK. 39 PG. 13B.
 - C.) A CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT TO THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM REGARDING THE FIRE TRUCK ACCESS AREA AS DEEDED IN BK. 191 PG. 197.
 - D.) AN OLD SEWER EASEMENT (192B) BELIEVED TO NOT BE CURRENTLY IN USE, OVER THE PROPERTY TO THE RIVER AS PER BK. 77 PG. 230.
8. THE EDGE OF THE RIVER SHOWN IS AS LOCATED ON 11/16&17/2011.

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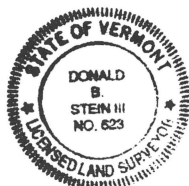
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I CERTIFY THIS PLAN TO BE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AS NOTED.

Donald B. Stein III
VT. L.L.S. NO. 623

REDUCED FOR RECORDING



DBS SURVEYS, INC. 30 MAPLE STREET NORTH SPRINGFIELD VERMONT 05159-6749 802-888-2398	BOUNDARY SURVEY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SITE PLAN OF PROPERTIES OF SANDRI REALTY, INC. MAIN STREET (ROUTE 121) AND SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE CO. WESTMINSTER ST. AND RIVER ST.	
	SAXTONS RIVER, ROCKINGHAM, VT.	
PLAT CAB #3 123 A	DATE: 12/1/11	SCALE: 1"=30'
SURVEY CHIEF: D.B.S.	DRAWN BY: J.W.C.	
CHECKED BY: D.B.S.	DWG. NO. 11-811	

Agenda:

1. Zoning/Health Office – E. Howard

a) Road Hearing Continuation – portion of River Road, Saxtons River: Howard stated that communication was received today from Fletcher Proctor, attorney for Chris Morrill, and it appears that no agreement has been reached between Morrill and the Village of Saxtons River on the right of way or access issues. Proctor stated that he felt the only purpose for the Town to give up the road is for the park and the current configuration is not workable. Stearns noted that any plans for a park would have to go through the zoning/planning board and felt that until an agreement has been reached between Morrill and the Trustees that there is no need to take any action. DiBernardo stated that she felt the Board should move forward and throw up the road as not doing so would have an impact on the Saxtons River Trustees plans to apply for funding through EPA. Ryan Ostebo, Saxtons River Trustee, stated that attempts have been made to communicate with Morrill on what his needs are for access and there has been no response. *Ann DiBernardo made the motion that the Rockingham Selectboard discontinue the portion of River Road in Saxtons River. Motion was seconded by Susan Hammond.* Hammond asked when the application for EPA was due. Ostebo stated this was due January 22. Golec asked if the Town were to participate in the grant application would there be any cost to the Town. Stearns stated that he has not seen the application. Louise Luring, Saxtons River Trustee Chair, stated that the Trustees are applying for two grants – one for \$200,000 and one for \$85,000 and they are requesting a waiver of the match. After much discussion MacPhee called for a vote on the motion. *Motion passed with DiBernardo, Hammond and Golec voting in favor of the motion. Hearne opposed.* Howard stated that the Board will need to sign off on the findings at its next meeting and this will be put on the agenda.

2. Finance Office:

a) Library Budget Presentation: Librarians Emily Zervas and Mary VanHardsveldt, were present and stated that the Library was presenting a level-funded budget with no tax increase for FY2015. Golec asked about the significant change in the health insurance line. Zervas explained that this was budgeted for a new library director with the need for the most expensive plan. MacPhee noted that the Selectboard did not need to approve this budget as this was a separate warning article on the Town Meeting Warning for discussion and approval at the Annual Town Meeting. Zervas encouraged everyone to stop by and visit the newly renovated library. Elayne Clift, Library Trustee, informed the Selectboard that the budget presented was not a unanimous decision of the Trustees and noted that the presented budget does not include any wage increase for the staff.

b) Finance Options – 6-Wheel Truck: Stearns directed the Board's attention to the memo that was included in the board packets. Stearns also stated that quotes for financing were received from Mascoma Bank for a 3 year loan at 2.41% and Merchants Bank for 2.36%. Golec asked what the difference was in the State bid spec compared to the other two. Stearns stated that all State specs are for hydraulics and the Town trucks have cable.

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10hr/wk, temporary. Must have valid driver's license, dependable vehicle, ability to lift heavy materials. Email or call with experience, abilities, and job interest.

603-445-2237 or newcombsmasonry@yahoo.com

**X Y D L B A A X R
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for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, etc. Single letters, length and formation of the words day the code letters are different.

**Full Time
 Employment 0396**

**NORTH COUNTRY
 SMOKEHOUSE
 Production Worker
 Opportunity**

Company with rapid growth seeks full time reliable production employees to process and package smoked meats and cheeses. Candidates must possess a high attention to detail & quality. Must be a reliable, steady team player who is able to work in a refrigerated environment. Qualified applicants must have a High School Diploma or Equivalent. Competitive wage, benefits & retirement package. Apply at: North Country Smokehouse
 471 Sullivan Street
 Claremont, NH 03743.

OFFICE SECRETARY
 needed for Regional Development Corporation. Administrative support, reception, organizational and interpersonal skills a must. Send resume to: Bob Flint, SRDC
 14 Clinton Street, Suite 7
 Springfield, VT 05156
No phone calls please.
 Equal Opportunity Provider/Employer

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 PIZZA**

Now hiring counter help. Apply in person, 134 Pleasant St., Claremont, NH.

**Part Time
 Employment 0400**

AVON! AVON! AVON!
 Call Lisa at 1-800-258-1815
lwilber@aol.com

I NEED SOMEONE TO:
 Saw up logs, and split the wood, do deliveries, & some yard work. 603-731-8602 or richardblysr62@gmail.com

If you were to guess at a number chosen between 5 and 10, you would be wrong five out of six times.

**Part Time
 Employment 0400**

HOME PROVIDER

Pathways of the River Valley is seeking a home provider in the Claremont/Newport area for an active young man with many interests including: exercising at a local fitness center, accessing the computer and internet, yard work, hiking, road trips, and museums. If you are energetic, share an interest in technology, and would like to help someone improve their life, this is an opportunity for you. A monthly stipend, the opportunity to work closely with his family, additional direct support assistance/respite are available. If interested please call Paul Vittum at (603) 504-1550.

**SUMMERCREST
 ACTIVITIES AIDES (2)**
 Wanted: friendly, energetic, organized individuals to assist the Director with activities. 20-25 hrs/wk, competitive wage, every other weekend. Apply at Front Desk or call Ruth McDonough at 863-8181
 Summercrest
 169 Summer Street
 Newport, NH 03773

**Employment
 Wanted 0404**

EXPERIENCED LNA
 Looking for PCA positions in Sullivan County. Call Marie at 603-504-2714

**Legal
 Notices 0408**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 Town of Newport, NH**
 Notice is hereby given that the Newport Planning Board will hold the following public hearings on **Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 6:00pm** in the Selectmen's Room at 15 Sunapee Street, Newport: **Walter & Doris Partridge and James R. Butcher (Owners)** request final review of an annexation of .17 Acres +/- from Map 110 Lot 063 and adding it to Map 110 Lot 046. The properties are located at 70 Court Street and 49 Myrtle Street in the General Residential (R-2) Zoning District. **ALL PLANS MAY BE REVIEWED AT THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.**

On an American one-dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" encased in the "shield" and a spider hidden in the front upper right-hand corner.

**Legal
 Notices 0408**

**Request for Proposals
 Snow Removal
 Multiple sites
 (Plowing, sidewalks, sanding,
 and salting)**

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (SCS) is seeking proposals for snow removal at Meadow Road Senior Housing in Newport, Claremont Head Start, SCS Office and Affordable Housing in Claremont, Charlestown Elderly Housing, Drewsville Carriage House and Drewsville Head Start, and North Walpole Village for the 2013-2014 winter season. Requirements and proposal forms can be picked up during regular office hours, M-F, 8:30am to 4:30pm at:

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.
 96-102 Main Street
 Claremont, NH
 or 63 Community Way
 Keene, NH

or call 603-719-4219 to request bid package be mailed.

Required qualifications:

- 1) Evidence of the firm's ability to perform the work as evidenced by references;
 - 2) Capability to provide services in a timely manner as evidenced by references;
 - 3) Evidence that the company is registered in the State of New Hampshire;
 - 4) Certificates of Insurance for Workers' Compensation, Liability and Automobile.
- Submission deadline: The proposal and bid form must be submitted by Friday, October 11, 2013 by 4:00pm.

Please address envelopes:
 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.
 Snow Removal Proposal
 Attention: Yvonne DeMay
 P.O. Box 603
 63 Community Way
 Keene, NH 03431

Affirmative Action: Southwestern Community Services, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Agency. Women and Minority-Owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

All unsuccessful bidders will be notified.

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. reserves the right to reject all proposals or to waive informalities in any proposal.

It was discovered on a space mission that a frog can throw up. The frog throws up its stomach first, so the stomach is dangling out of its mouth. Then the frog uses its forearms to dig out all of the stomach's contents and then swallows the stomach back down again.

**Legal
 Notices 0408**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
 HEARING BEFORE THE
 SELECTBOARD
 of the
 TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM,
 VERMONT
 ON DISCONTINUANCE OF
 RECLASSIFICATION OF A
 TOWN HIGHWAY**

Pursuant to decision of the Rockingham Selectboard, and in accord with 19 V.S.A. Sections 708-711 and 771, 775, the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham will meet at the intersection of Main Street and the west end of River Street, Saxtons River Village, on October 28, 2013 at 5pm to conduct a site inspection of the highway which is the subject of the discontinuance or reclassification. At the conclusion of the road site inspection, the Selectboard will continue the meeting to November 5, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall, Lower Theater, Bellows Falls, Vermont, for the purpose of hearing persons interested in the proposed discontinuance or reclassification of the portion of the Town Highway running from the north end of the Westminster Street bridge easterly towards River Street being a highway originally laid out in 1818 in Book 6, page 139 (see also Book 26, page 53), of the Rockingham Land Records. This is a public hearing and the meetings, including site visit, are open to the public.

**Lost &
 Found 0420**

LOST & FOUND:
 Young, female brown Terrier mix. Found on Bible Hill Rd. Please call Claremont Animal Hospital, 603-543-0117

The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (Thus the name of the Don McLean song.)

Until 1965, driving was done on the left-hand side on roads in Sweden. The conversion to right-hand was done on a weekday at 5pm. All traffic stopped as people switched sides. This time and day were chosen to prevent accidents where drivers would have gotten up in the morning and been too sleepy to realize that this was the day of the changeover.

Horoscopes

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
 THURSDAY, SEP-
 TEMBER 26, 2013 —**

Take it upon yourself to venture down a path that can lead to a brighter future in the year ahead. Allow your talent to speak for you, and base your choices on what you enjoy doing most. Follow your heart and express your desires.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23) —
 If you take on additional responsibilities, you will come through with flying colors. Accept the inevitable. Let go of the past; it's time for new beginnings.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22) —
 Share your thoughts with the people who count. Get involved in something that will bring you a greater awareness of your community and your beliefs. The aspects indicate romance.

**SAGITTAR-
 IUS (Nov. 23-Dec.**

21) — Seek out the kind of entertainment that gives you a thrill or gets you thinking about a new adventure to pursue. If you make alterations to the way you live, you'll see an improvement in your work life as well.

**CAPRI-
 CORN (Dec. 22-Jan.**

19) — Judge quietly what is going on around you. Step in and make whatever slight changes are necessary to prevent an error. Avoid a conflict that has the potential to stifle your productivity.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 19) —
 When it comes to a business or partnership situation, negotiate a deal you can live with. Nothing is perfect, but at least you'll get a fair deal if you act diligently.



**NOTICE OF HEARING
BEFORE THE SELECTBOARD
of the
TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT,
ON DISCONTINUANCE OR RECLASSIFICATION OF A TOWN HIGHWAY**

The Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham hereby give notice to the persons named below as owners or person interested in lands and rights that may be affected by decisions of said Selectboard to discontinue or reclassify a town highway.

Pursuant to decision of the Rockingham Selectboard, and in accord with 19 V.S.A. sections 708-711 and 771, 775, the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham will meet at the intersection of Main Street and the west end of River Street, Saxtons River Village, on October 28, 2013, at 5 p.m., (at least thirty days from the date of this notice) to conduct a site inspection of the highway which is the subject of the discontinuance or reclassification. At the conclusion of the road site inspection, the Selectboard will continue the meeting to November 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Lower Theater, Bellows Falls, Vermont, for the purpose of hearing persons interested in the proposed discontinuance or reclassification of the portion of the Town Highway running from the north end of the Westminster Street bridge easterly towards River Street being a highway originally laid out in 1818 in Book 6, page 139 (see also Book 26, page 53), of the Rockingham Land Records. This is a public hearing and the meetings, including site visit, are open to the public.

As required by law, notice of this site inspection and hearing is being provided by certified mail to each of persons owning or interested in lands through which the highway passes, listed below, as well as the municipal planning commission and State of Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation. A copy is posted in the office of the Town Clerk of Rockingham, and will be published in the Eagle-Times, a local newspaper of general circulation in the area not less than ten (10) days before the time set for the hearing.

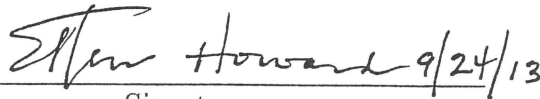
The notice relating to the proposed discontinuance is available for public inspection and copying in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Rockingham during business hours.

The following persons are hereby notified of the public hearing:

Christopher Morrill
38 Main Street
Saxtons River VT 05154

People's United Bank
25 Square
Bellows Falls VT 05101

Rockingham Planning Commission (hand delivered)
PO Box 370
Bellows Falls VT 05101


Signature

Notice: Road hearing

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Commissioner
Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2
Montpelier VT 05620-3801

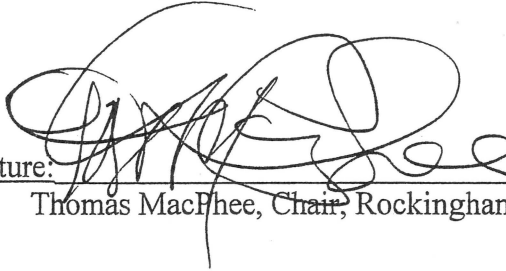
Saxtons River Village
P.O. Box 243
Saxtons River VT 05154

For information please contact Ellen Howard, Planning-Zoning Administrator, Town of Rockingham, PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT (802-463-1229, ext. 114).

Date:

9/25/2013

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas MacPhee', written over a horizontal line.

Thomas MacPhee, Chair, Rockingham Selectboard

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
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1. Article Addressed to:

People's United Bank
25 Square
Bellows Falls VT 05104

2. Article Number

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PS Form 3811, February 2004

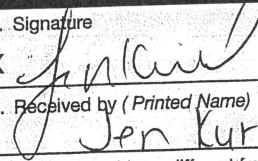
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 Agent Addressee

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 Yes**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

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1. Article Addressed to:

Commissioner
VT Dept of Forest Parks &
Recreation
1 National Life Dr.
Davis 2
Montpelier VT 05620-3801

2. Article Number

(Transfer from service label)

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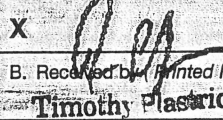
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 Agent Addressee

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Timothy Platridge

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 Yes**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

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Christopher Morrill
38 Main Sr.
Saxtons River VT
05154

2. Article Number

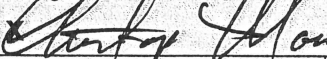
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X


 Agent Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

CHRIS MORRILL

C. Date of Delivery

9/28/13

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? YesIf YES, enter delivery address below: No

PO Box 663

3. Service Type

 Certified Mail Express Mail Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

 Yes

**Public Notice Hearing for
Town Highway
off
River Street, Saxtons River**

The Town of Rockingham's Planning Commission waives certified and return receipt mailing and will accept hand delivery.

Ellen Howard
Ellen Howard, Planning-Zoning Administrator

9/24/13
Date

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. ■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. ■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 	<p>A. Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Louise F. Luring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery Louise F. Luring 9/27/13</p>
<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>Saxtons River Village PO Box 243 Saxtons River VT 05754</p>	<p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.</p> <p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
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These are the Dimensions of a Road in Rockingham
near Supton River, and is bounded as follows, beginning
at the Northwest Corner of Jeremiah Peeples's dwelling
House, thence North, seventy six and half Degrees West,
three chains and ninety seven Links - thence North
forty eight and three fourth Degrees West, fifty seven Links
to Ramsay Eddy's road - said Road extends so far
Southwardly until it comes to the North end of the
House, thence to the North side of Manassah Dixon
Dixon House - from thence to the North side of Ramsay
Eddy's Wood House and in that direction to Eddy's
road - said road surveyed by me.

Rockingham, June 10, 1810, Wm. Thayer

Sept. 14, 1810. The within Survey bill approved
and record to be recorded - and the road therein
described declared a public highway -

William Hays Jr. Selectman
Ebenezer Locke
(Daniel Kellogg) Rockingham

The above is copy of the Record by me
original Survey - Sept. 15, 1810 - 1810

These are the Dimensions of a Road in Rockingham
two miles - beginning at the Northwest corner of Ramsay
Eddy's Lane, thence South $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, two chains
ninety three Links - said Road lies Westwardly from
said point of Compass, surveyed by me

Rockingham, June 10, 1810, Wm. Thayer

The within Survey approved, and
record recorded
Sept. 14, 1810, William Hays Jr. Selectman
Ebenezer Locke
Daniel Kellogg Rockingham

Sept. 15, 1810
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Wm. Thayer

These are the Dimensions of
a road as follows -
beginning at the
Northwest corner of
Ramsay Eddy's
Lane - thence South
thirty six and
one half Degrees
West, two chains
ninety three
Links - said Road
lies Westwardly
from said point
of Compass, as
surveyed by me

Rockingham June
10, 1810
Surveyed in by the
within Survey
Record to the Town
&
Wm. Thayer
Ebenezer Locke
Daniel Kellogg
for Record. Sept.
14, 1810
by me

These are the Dimensions
of a road in
Rockingham
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Northwest corner of
Ramsay Eddy's
Lane, thence South
 $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, two
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from said point
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surveyed by me
Rockingham, June 10, 1810

The within Survey
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Sept. 14, 1810
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Ebenezer Locke
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 Peter Evans
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 Benji Smith Jr } of Rockingham
 of which the foregoing
 Town Clerk
 Wm. Myers

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 Page 61
 Sept-1818

Rec'd May 27th 1814. Recorded and examined by me,
 W. Weed Town Clerk
 A true copy of the original record
 W. S. Myers Town Clerk

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Thompson's Bridge of Westminster
 Street running from Westminster
 Street easterly to River Street and northerly to
 River turning northerly
 to Main Street

These are the dimensions of a Road in Rockingham
 near Saylor's River and is bounded as follows - be-
 ginning at the north west corner of Jonathan Russell's
 dwelling house; thence north seventy six and half de-
 grees west three chains and ninety seven links, thence
 north 49 $\frac{3}{4}$ degrees west fifty seven links to Manly
 Eddy's Road, said road extends so far southerly
 until it comes to the north end of the Post House
 thence to the north side of Manassah Dwell. Bank
 House; from thence to the north side of Manly
 Eddy's wood house and in that direction to Eddy's
 Road. Said Road surveyed by me Wm Thayer
 Rockingham June 18 1818

Sept-14th 1818 The within Survey bill approved
 and ordered to be recorded, and the road therein
 described declared a public highway.
 William Hall for Selectmen
 Eben Locke }
 Daniel Kellogg } of Rockingham
 Recorded by me Sept-15th 1818 W. Weed Town Clerk
 A true copy of the original record
 W. S. Myers Town Clerk

Rockingham
 what the Road from
 Mr Joseph Malcher
 to James Watkins to
 use to the public
 person except Mon-
 day the selectmen to
 out a road from Mr.
 there to the road by
 h shall be as well
 grad by his horses,
 Rhineas White
 Edward Richards
 Joseph Marsk
 Walt Davis,
 the undersigned have
 and laid out a road
 and south of the west
 thence south so
 the road by Rhine-
 two rods wide
 Rockingham

Page 139 These are the dimensions of a Road in Rockingham
 two rods wide beginning at the north west corner
 of Manly Eddy's land, thence south 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west two
 chains and ninety three links - said Road lies west-
 uly from said point of compass, Surveyed by me
 Rockingham June 18th 1818 Wm Thayer

The within Survey approved and ordered recorded
 Sept-14th 1818.
 A true copy of the original and
 Recorded the same
 Stn. W. Weed Town Clerk
 A true copy of the original Record
 W. S. Myers Town Clerk



802.272.4156
ANR Lands Division

October 18, 2013

Town of Rockingham Selectboard
c/o Thomas MacPhee, Chair
7 Square
P O Box 370
Village of Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101

Dear Board Members:

We are in receipt of the notice pursuant to the requirements of Title 19 V.S.A. that you propose to discontinue the Town Highway running from the north end of Westminster Street bridge easterly towards River Street being a highway originally laid out in 1818 in the Village of Saxtons River. The Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation has reviewed the proposal and supports the proposed discontinuation and the village's plan to create a park on the site.

For your information, while the Department supports this proposed discontinuation it has generally been the policy of this Department to encourage towns to continue ownership of highway rights-of-way where they are of sufficient length or location to be of value to recreational users. Such existing rights-of-way can be valuable recreation resources for our growing population. Enclosed is a copy of the "Town Policy on Class 4 Roads and Trails," issued by the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council. In addition, you will find a copy of the Department's policy on road discontinuance. You may want to consider a similar policy in Rockingham. Having such a policy will help to ensure that you will not be required to maintain Class 4 roads or trails or upgrade them to Class 3.

This Department will not be represented at your meeting on November 5th, 2013 but we ask that this letter and attachments be entered into the proceedings. We also request that local trail organizations such as snowmobile clubs be notified of the proposed discontinuance.

Thank you for contacting us on this matter. We always appreciate the opportunity to comment on these important recreation resources.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Fraysier".

Mike Fraysier
ANR Lands Director

Enclosures

Cc: Trails Coordinator, VAST; FPR – State Lands Forester, Rick White; Planning Office, AOT

