

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1990

Fill out the certificate, file a copy with the Town Clerk, and mail original to Vt. Agency of Transportation, Planning Division before February 10, 1990.

▶ IF NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE, OMIT PART I, CHECK BOX IN PART II, AND SIGN PART III. ◀

PART I

DISTRICT 1

We, the Selectmen/Trustees/Aldermen of Somerset, Windham County on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Title 19, V. S. A., Sec. * 305, added 1985, is as follows:

	TOWN HIGHWAYS				STATE HIGHWAYS	TOTAL EXCLUDING CLASS 4
	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4		
PREVIOUS MILEAGE AS SHOWN FEBRUARY 10, 1989	0.000	0.000	5.010	2.700	0.000	5.010
MILEAGE ADDED SINCE FEBRUARY 10, 1989 EXPLAIN UNDER (1) BELOW						
SUB TOTAL						
MILEAGE SUBTRACTED SINCE FEBRUARY 10, 1989 EXPLAIN UNDER (2) AND (3)						
TOTAL HIGHWAY MILEAGE FEB. 10, 1990	0.000	0.000	5.010	2.700	0.000	5.010
SCENIC HIGHWAY MILEAGE (19 VSA 2502)						

DURING THE PAST YEAR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED.

(1) NEW HIGHWAYS: We hereby certify that the following new highways, as substantiated by the attached 'Selectmen's Certificate of Completion' have been added.

(2) DISCONTINUED: We hereby certify that the following highways have been discontinued according to statute and are substantiated by the attached copy of the proceedings.

(3) RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: We hereby certify that the following highways have been reclassified/remeasured and are substantiated by the attached copy of the proceedings.

(4) SCENIC HIGHWAYS: We hereby certify that the following highways have been designated or discontinued as 'Town Scenic Highways', and are substantiated by the attached copy of the proceedings.

PART II CHECK BOX IF NO CHANGES IN MILEAGES.

PART III

SELECTMEN/ALDERMEN/TRUSTEES
SIGNATURES

[Handwritten Signature]

Town/City/Village/CLERK SIGNATURE: _____ attests that this record of highway mileage was filed and recorded on _____, 1990.

Approved: Wilson K. Whalley, Jr. 2-12-90
Representative, Agency of Transportation Date

Note: Applicable section of Vermont Statutes is printed on reverse side.

Title 19, V. S. A. Section 305
Added 1985

SEC. 305. MEASUREMENT OF HIGHWAYS

(a) A representative of the agency in the presence of the selectmen or their designee shall measure and inspect the class 1, 2 and 3 town highways in each town at least once every ten years. 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 selectmen shall, after review by a representative of the agency, file with the town clerk a sworn statement of the description and measurements of all class 1, 2 and 3 town highways, then in existence, including any special designation such as a throughway or scenic highway. When class 1, 2 or 3 town highways 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) 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.

(d) The selectmen 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 board by filing a notice of appeal with the executive secretary of the board.

Title 19, V. S. A. Section 2502
Added 1985

Sec. 2502. TOWN SCENIC ROADS; DESIGNATION AND DISCONTINUANCE

(a) On recommendation of the planning commission of a municipality, or on the initiative of the legislative body of a municipality, a legislative body may, after one public hearing warned for the purpose, designate or discontinue any town highway or portion of a town highway as a town scenic highway. Such action by the legislative body may be petitioned by the registered voters of the municipality pursuant to the provisions of section 1973 of Title 24.

(b) A town scenic road may be reconstructed or improved in a manner consistent with the standards established by the transportation board, pursuant to section 425 of Title 10. A class 1, 2 or 3 scenic highway shall still be eligible to receive aid pursuant to the provisions of this title.

(c) The legislative body of a municipality may appeal for a variance from standards promulgated by the transportation board. In these appeals the board's decision shall be final.

RETURN TO: VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PRECONSTRUCTION
PLANNING DIVISION
133 STATE STREET
MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05602



State of Vermont

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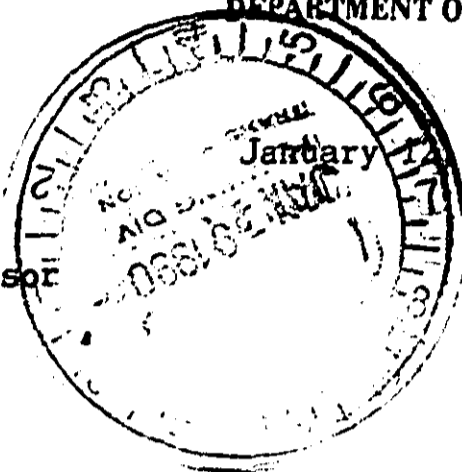
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Waterbury, Vermont 05676

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Department of Environmental Conservation
State Geologist
Natural Resources Conservation Council

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION

Tel: (802) 244-8713

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Mr. Douglas U. Wilson, Supervisor
Town of Somerset
Town Hall
Somerset, VT 05155

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We are in receipt of the notice pursuant to the requirements of Title 19 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, that the Selectmen of the Towns of Dover, Somerset, and Stratton are considering the discontinuance of portions of Town Highways as follows: 1) Dover - Upper Handle Road, which is approximately .8 of a mile, 2) Stratton - Northern end of Handle Road 0.38 miles, and 3) Dover and Stratton - public highway (pent road) located in the Towns of Dover and Stratton, and the unorganized Town of Somerset, known as the "High Road."

According to the Secretary of States's Opinions Newsletter, dated December 1987, Section 1925, this Department only needs to be notified of discontinuances when the highway extends into another town, unless of course it affects State-owned lands.

For your information, it has 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 as to be of value to snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, hikers, horseback riders, and other recreational users. Such existing rights-of-way can be valuable recreation resources for our growing population.

Because the "Upper Handle Road" and the "High Road" are of more than sufficient length for recreational use, we encourage the Towns of Dover, Somerset, and Stratton to designate them as "trails" thereby maintaining the rights-of-way without responsibility of maintenance.

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

Sincerely,

PAUL W. HANNAN
COMMISSIONER

PWH:GEP/gjm
Enclosures
cc: ✓Ed Chabot, Highway Department