CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2009 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Policy and Planning Division, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the members of the legislative body of BETHEL

in WINDSOR

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on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

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Class 3	56.19			56.190	0.000
State Highway	14.286			14.286	0.000
Class 4	34.46	1.69		36.150	0.000
Legal Trail	0.00	7.7		0.000	
Total	83.308	1.69		83.308	0.000

^{*} Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications is NOT included in total.

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The	"Added Mileage" of Class 4 Town Highway is submitted as part of the
Town	's response to Act No. 178. Copy of minutes and other data is enclosed
	CENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.
IF THEI	RE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Check box and sign below. []
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Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

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

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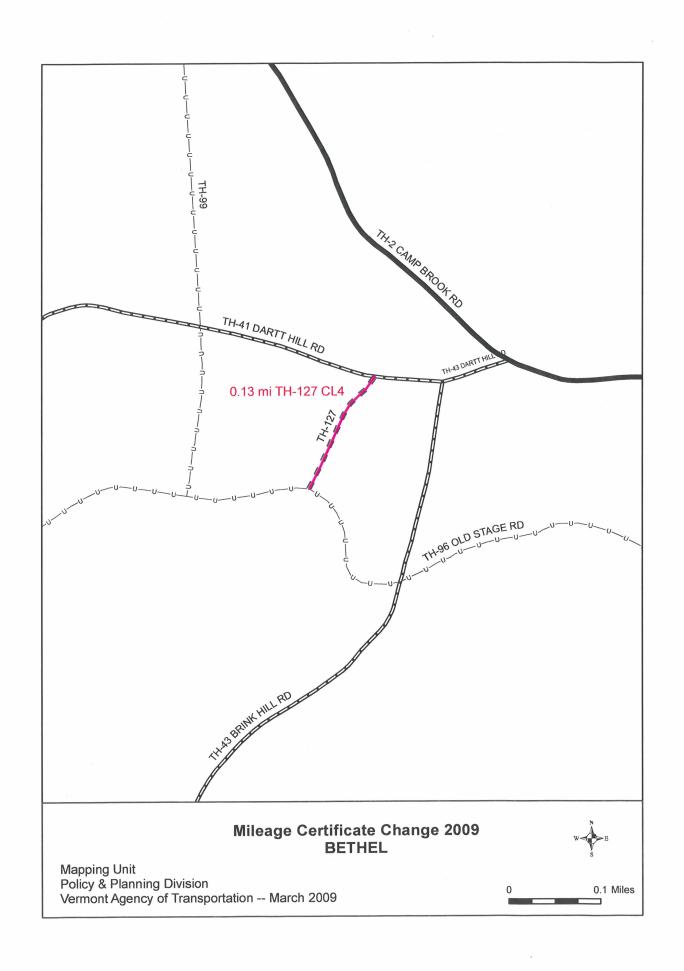
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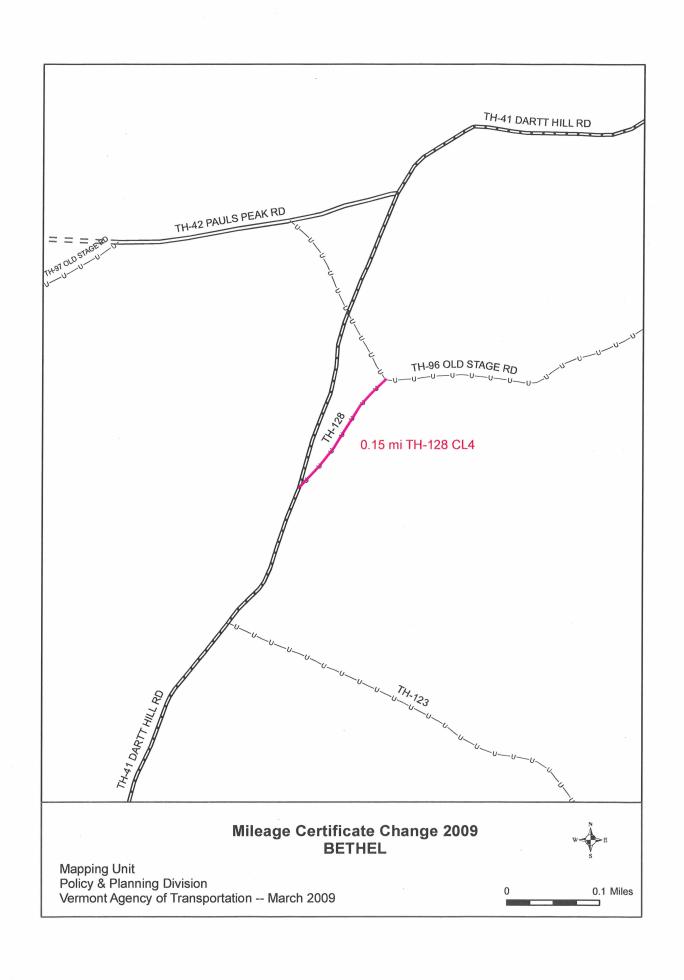
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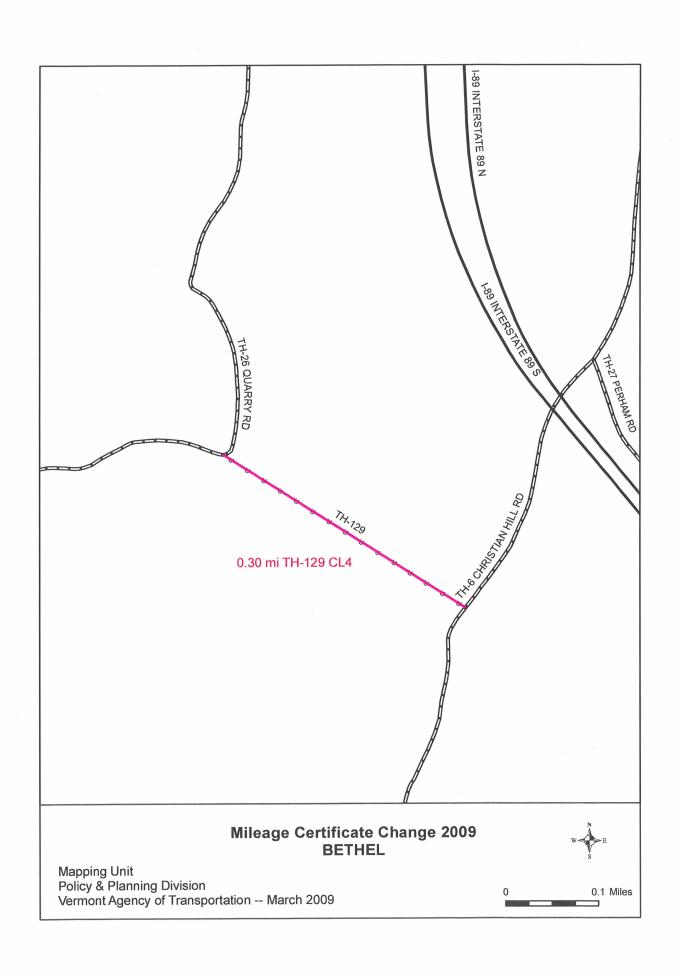
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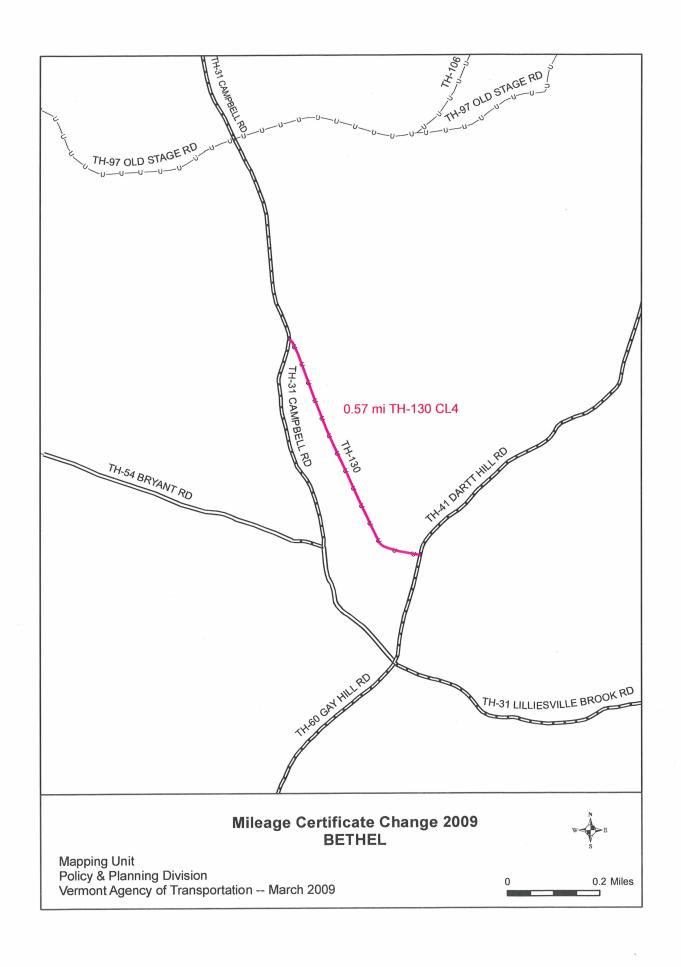
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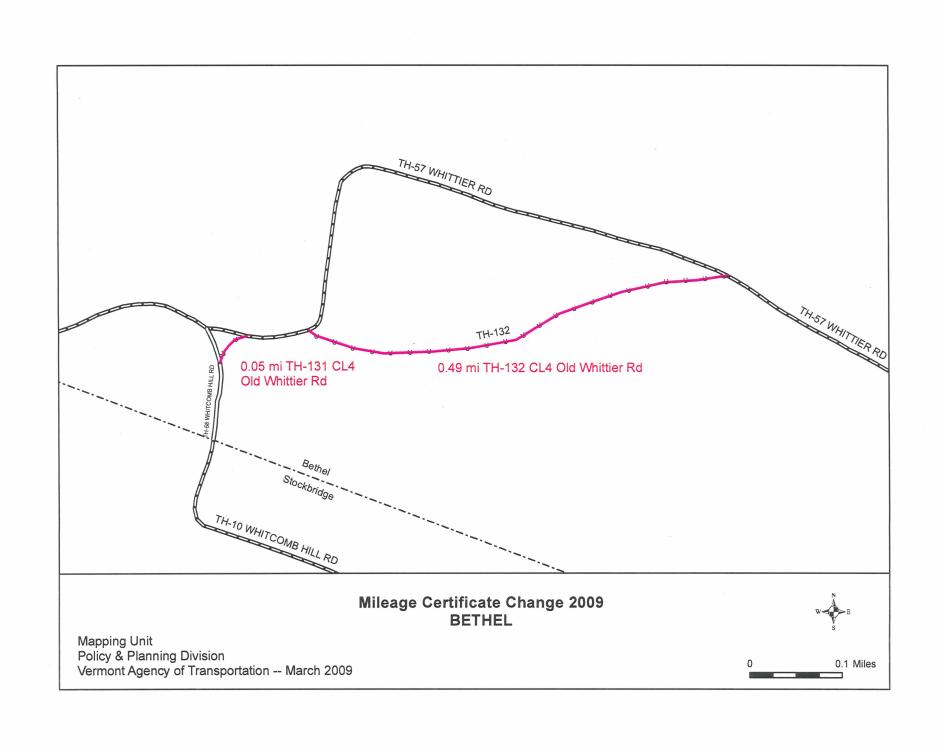
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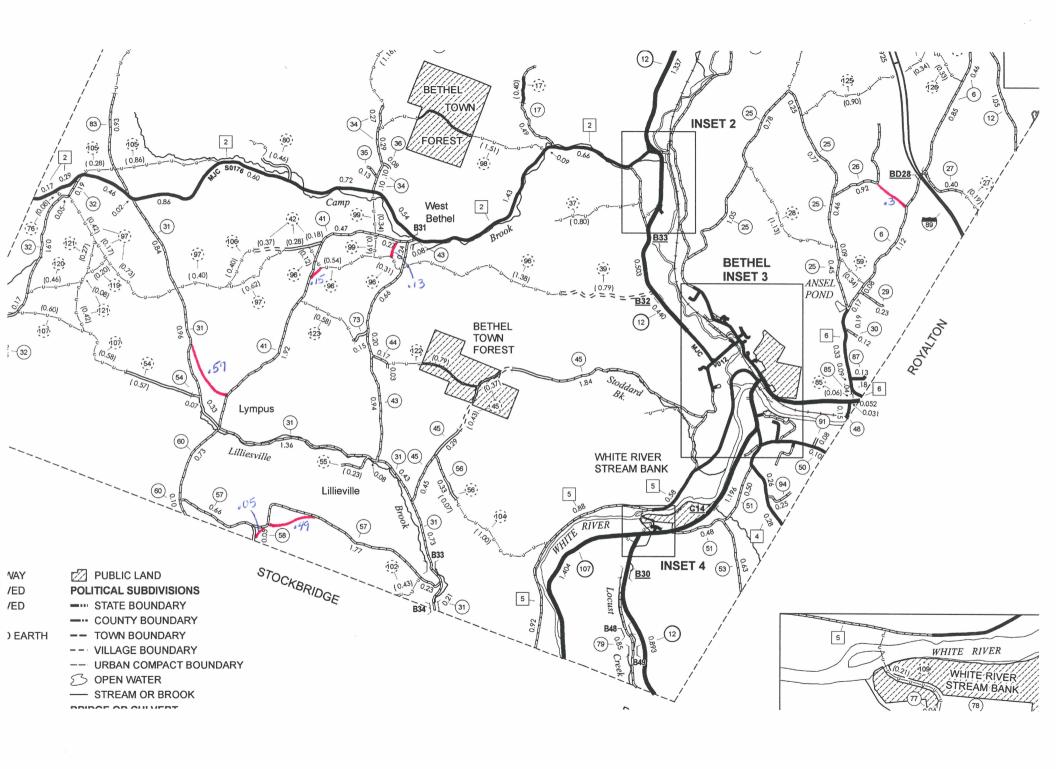


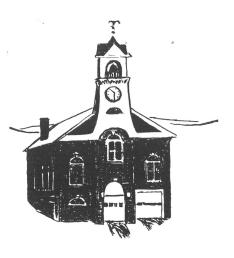












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February 5, 2009

Johnathan Croft AOT GIS Database Administrator VTrans Mapping Unit One National Life Drive Montpelier, VT 05633-5001

RE: 2009 Certificate of Highway Mileage

Dear Johnathan:

As requested in your letter dated February 2, 2009, I am enclosing documentation which shows that the roads submitted for addition to Bethel's 2009 Certificate of Highway Mileage were legally established prior to February 10, 2006.

Please call me at 234-9340 if you have any questions.

Truly yours,

Delbert Cloud Town Manager

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February 2, 2009

Delbert Cloud, Town Manager Town of Bethel 134 South Main Street Bethel, Vermont 05032

Dear Mr. Cloud,

The VTrans Mapping Unit has received the 2009 Certificate of Highway Mileage from the Town of Bethel. Based on the submittal, I am unable to fully process the Certificate and request additional documentation. The documentation included does not provide enough information to evidence that these highways were legally established (either by formal laying out or through dedication and acceptance) and have continued to be town highways or legal trails.

The minutes of the Selectboard meeting on January 26, 2009 suggest these documents exist and were discovered during the research by the Ancient Road Committee. Then the documents were used in the consideration of the addition of these roads by the Selectboard.

Vermont State Statute requires the municipality to provide certain documents when adding highways and trails that were legally established and not mapped by February 10, 2006. The governing statute is as follows:

Title 19: Highways - § 305. Measurement and inspection

(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.

Several of these documents have been provided in the packet, including the current description of the highways and a current town highway with the additions sketched on it, but there is limited information to show the roads or trails have been legally established and continue to be town highways.

Before I can continue processing the Mileage Certificate, I request the additional documentation for the addition of Class 4 mileage.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments regarding the Mileage Certificate process, town highways, or mapping in general.

Sincerely,

Johnathan Croft AOT GIS Database Administrator VTrans Mapping Unit

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Enclosures

cc: Tammy Ellis, DTA District 4

Susan Clark, Policy & Planning Division



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January 29, 2009

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Policy & Planning Division

Sara Moulton
Mapping & GIS Specialist
Policy & Planning Division – Mapping Unit
One National Life Drive, Drawer 33
Montpelier, VT 05633-5001

RE: Certificate of Highway Mileage

Dear Ms. Moulton:

The following is enclosed with regard to Bethel's filing of the Certificate of Highway Mileage:

- Certificate of Highway Mileage signed by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk
- A copy of the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen approving the addition of class 4 highways to the Certificate of Highway Mileage with a description of each highway to be added. These highways were legally established prior to February 10, 2006.
- A reduced copy of a section of our current highway map with the additional class 4 highways sketched in red ink.
- A Tax Map Sheet Index provided by Cartographic Technologies with the additional class 4 highways highlighted in green ink.

Please call me at (802) 234-9340 if you have any questions regarding the enclosed information.

Truly yours,

Delbert Cloud Town Manager

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PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN. Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures: Sill Richards La De Freitas
T/C/V Clerk Signature: 200 Date Filed: /29/2009

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

APPROVED: Representative, Agency of Transportation

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

DATE:

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe DeFreitas, Delbert Cloud, Shirley White, Geneva Gaiko, Eric Benson, and Debra Leahy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Neal Fox, the Board first reviewing and approving the weekly payroll and payables. The minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried.

Chairman Fox welcomed Shirley White and inquired if she had particular matters she wished to discuss with the Board. Ms. White replied that she wanted to explain the programs being offered through the Quin-Town Senior Center, which she proceeded to do. She then emphasized the importance of support from the Townspeople of Bethel, since a number of senior citizens do participate in the programs offered. The Board assured Ms. White that an appropriation amount of One Thousand Dollars will be included on the Warning for Town Meeting for voter consideration. Ms. White thanked the Board and departed at approximately 6:15 PM.

Delbert Cloud advised the Board that the Stagecoach stop will be relocated to the White Church parking lot as of February 9, 2009. Cloud also provided the Board members with a copy of a press release re. Robert Hyde's assumption of Town crew foreman duties, which the Board found appropriate for publication. Letters of appreciation were signed for the three members retiring from service on the Human Services Advisory Committee after having provided many years of assistance.

In reviewing the agenda for the Planning Commission's meeting of January 21, 2009, note was made of the public survey which the Commission hopes to do during 2009. It is hoped that information gathered can be useful in many ways in addition to future updating of the Town Plan, and it was agreed that both the Selectboard and the Bethel Business Association might wish to participate in the construction of some parts of the questionnaire.

A January 12, 2009 letter from Champlain Consulting Engineers was reviewed, this pertaining to that company's preparation of permit applications for upgrading water and sewer systems at the Town Hall as part of that rehabilitation project. The Board members unanimously endorsed a letter to the Department of Environmental Conservation confirming that sufficient capacity exists in both systems to provide for the upgrading.

By motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried, the following RESOLUTION was approved by the Board:

"WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel has worked with the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission to identify hazards, analyze past and potential future losses due to natural and human-caused disasters, and identify strategies for mitigating future losses; and,

WHEREAS, the Bethel Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (in the Town Annex section of the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan) contains several potential future projects to mitigate damage from disasters with the potential to occur in the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public meeting was held by the Bethel Selectboard on January 26, 2009 to formally approve and adopt the Bethel Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as an annex to the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Selectboard adopts the Bethel Town Annex and the associated Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan."

A January 6, 2009 letter from the Vermont Department of Health was next reviewed, this advising that the Board must recommend a potential appointee for the position of Town Health Officer. This matter will be taken up at the Board's next meeting.

The Board then reviewed recommendations from the Class 4 Road Committee re. additional class 4 roads which have been confirmed as "legally existent" prior to February 10, 2006 by that

Committee's research, and which could be submitted to the Vermont Agency of Transportation for mapping on the Town Highway Map subject to the Selectboard's concurrence that such should be done. Various maps were examined, as well as the research of the Committee inclusive of the original "lay-outs" for the subject roads. After due consideration, motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried, that the following roads should be submitted to the Mapping Division of the Vermont Agency of Transportation for addition to the Town Highway Map:

- (1) A road commencing on the southerly side of Town Highway #41 (Dartt Hill Road) approximately .07 mile westerly of the intersection of Town Highway #41 with Town Highway #43 (Brink Hill Road) and running in a southerly direction .13 mile to intersect with the "Rochester Stage Road."
- (2) A road commencing on the easterly side of Town Highway #41 (Dartt Hill Road) approximately .2 mile southerly of the intersection of Town Highway #41 and class 4 Town Highway #42 (Pauls Peak Road) and running in a northeasterly direction .15 mile to intersect with the "Rochester Stage Road."
- (3) A road commencing on the easterly side of Town Highway #26 (Quarry Road) approximately .39 mile easterly of the intersection of Town Highway #26 and Town Highway #25 (Sanders Road) and running in a southeasterly direction .3 mile to intersect with Town Highway #6 (Christian Hill Road).
- (4) A road commencing on the easterly side of Town Highway #31 (Campbell Road) approximately .47 miles northerly of the intersection of Town Highway #31 and Town Highway #54 (Bryant Road) and running in a southeasterly direction .57 mile to intersect with Town Highway #41 (Dartt Hill Road).
- (5) Being two segments of highway which connect with previously mapped segments of Town Highway, collectively being the "Old Whittier Road": (a) commencing near the presently mapped southerly end of Town Highway #58 (Whitcomb Hill Road) near the Bethel/Stockbridge Town Line and continuing in a northeasterly direction .05 mile to intersect with Town Highway #57 (Whittier Road) and (b) a road commencing at a point on Town Highway #57 approximately .1 mile easterly of the intersection of Town Highway #57 and Town Highway #58 and running in an easterly direction approximately .49 mile to reconnect with Town Highway #57.

The "Certificate of Highway Mileage Year Ending February 10, 2009" was then approved and unanimously signed by the Board, with addition of the mileage for the above-referenced class 4 roads.

As per appointment at 7:30 PM, Chairman Fox welcomed Eric Benson. Mr. Benson advised that he wished to present some project ideas being developed by the Bethel Business Association, and to hopefully obtain the Board's support for them. He first explained the plan of developing a hiking trail on the "Branliere" Town Forest land. He suggested that much of the site work might be possible to do in conjunction with forestry management work the Town would wish to have done to make effective use of the property. It was agreed that Delbert Cloud would research the Town Forest files on the subject property, and provide information to Mr. Benson to help evaluate the feasibility of the idea, the Board members being supportive of the concept.

Debra Leahy then spoke of a project being developed by the School District, as the basis for a grant application to the AOT "Safe Routes to School Program." A project team must be formed, and certain participants are required, among them a representative of the Town legislative body. Joe DeFreitas volunteered to help with the effort.

Eric Benson added that the Bethel Business Association is also hoping to replace the aging benches which are situated along the streetside in various locations. He showed pictures of stone benches which have been placed in some communities, and wondered if the Board would be receptive to such form of replacement. The Board members concurred that the idea was good, and welcomed further information regarding costs, etc.

The Board then reviewed a draft of the Warning for the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting. The text appeared to reflect all matters of business correctly, and the Warning was approved and endorsed by the Board members per motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried.

A draft of the Town Report, inclusive of Town General Fund and Enterprise Fund budgets, was also examined and found to be complete and suitable for printing. It is anticipated that the School District's report will be combined for printing and mailing.

The Board also reviewed documents pertaining to potential bonding for certain water system improvements. After due consideration, the following RESOLUTION was unanimously approved by motion of Joe DeFreitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried:

"RESOLVED, that the public interest and necessity demand that certain public improvements be made, viz: replacement of water system mains on River Street (Vermont State Route 107) and areas adjacent to the so-called River Street Bridge to include a new sleeved main beneath the railroad tracks connecting the new water main to the water system along Main Street in the Town of Bethel, said improvements estimated to cost Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of completing said public improvements, after application of funds available from the United States of America and/or the State of Vermont, will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the Town of Bethel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposal for providing such improvements and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) to pay for its cost of the same, should be submitted to the legal voters of the Town at a Special Meeting thereof to be duly called and held on March 5, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town of Bethel for the purpose of financing such improvements, as well as the construction, maintenance and operation of such improvements within and without the corporate limits of the Town be in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 53, 89, and 120 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

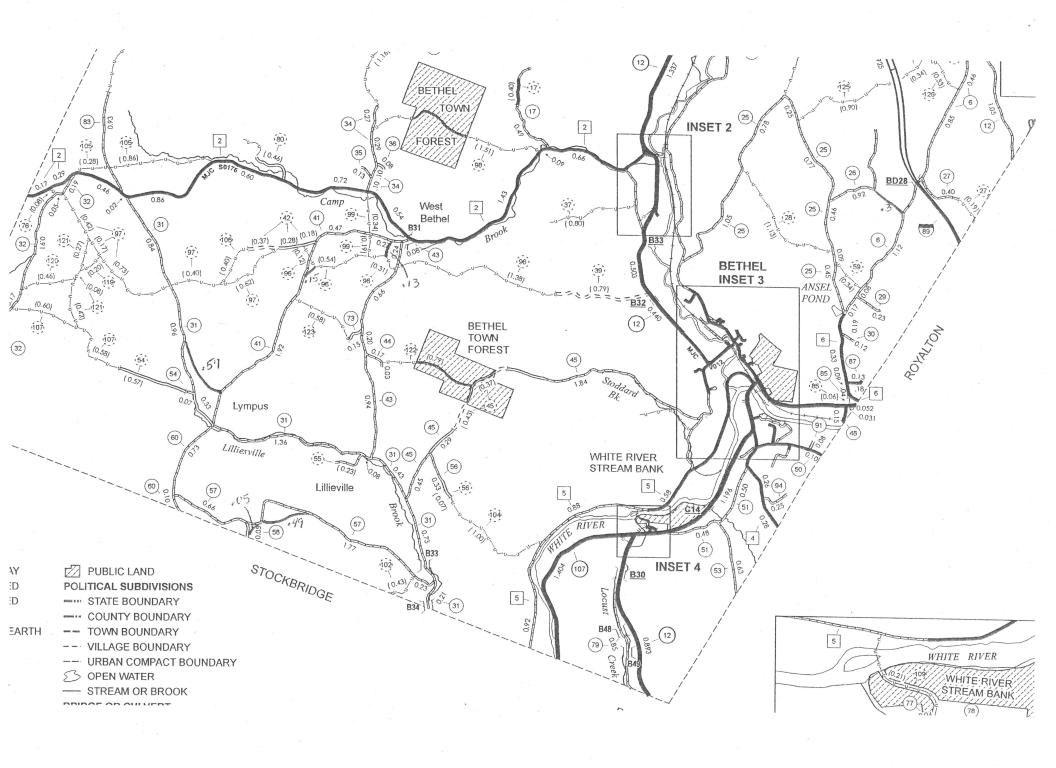
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Warning and form of ballot be adopted for use in connection with consideration of the above-stated propositions of making said public improvements and incurring bonded indebtedness therefor."

The Warning for a Special Meeting to vote on the subject question was then approved and endorsed by the Board members. A "Sample Ballot" was also determined appropriate for the purpose.

The following communications were reviewed and placed on file: (1) a Report from the Johnson Company re. its findings pertaining to settling of the scales at the transfer station, (2) notice from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns re. the "Local Government Day," (3) the January 2009 newsletter from the regional planning commission, and (4) a Permit issued to David Rogers for development of property on class 4 Town Highway 15.

With no further business to attend, motion to adjourn was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried, the time being 9:46 PM.

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Policy & Planning Division

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RE: Certificate of Highway Mileage

Dear Ms. Moulton:

The following is enclosed with regard to Bethel's filing of the Certificate of Highway Mileage:

- Certificate of Highway Mileage signed by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk.
- A copy of the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen approving the addition of class 4 highways to the Certificate of Highway Mileage with a description of each highway to be added. These highways were legally established prior to February 10, 2006.
- A reduced copy of a section of our current highway map with the additional class 4 highways sketched in red ink.
- A Tax Map Sheet Index provided by Cartographic Technologies with the additional class 4 highways highlighted in green ink.

Please call me at (802) 234-9340 if you have any questions regarding the enclosed information.

Truly yours,

Delbert Cloud Town Manager

Enclosures

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe DeFreitas, Delbert Cloud, Shirley White, Geneva Gaiko, Eric Benson, and Debra Leahy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Neal Fox, the Board first reviewing and approving the weekly payroll and payables. The minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried.

Chairman Fox welcomed Shirley White and inquired if she had particular matters she wished to discuss with the Board. Ms. White replied that she wanted to explain the programs being offered through the Quin-Town Senior Center, which she proceeded to do. She then emphasized the importance of support from the Townspeople of Bethel, since a number of senior citizens do participate in the programs offered. The Board assured Ms. White that an appropriation amount of One Thousand Dollars will be included on the Warning for Town Meeting for voter consideration. Ms. White thanked the Board and departed at approximately 6:15 PM.

Delbert Cloud advised the Board that the Stagecoach stop will be relocated to the White Church parking lot as of February 9, 2009. Cloud also provided the Board members with a copy of a press release re. Robert Hyde's assumption of Town crew foreman duties, which the Board found appropriate for publication. Letters of appreciation were signed for the three members retiring from service on the Human Services Advisory Committee after having provided many years of assistance.

In reviewing the agenda for the Planning Commission's meeting of January 21, 2009, note was made of the public survey which the Commission hopes to do during 2009. It is hoped that information gathered can be useful in many ways in addition to future updating of the Town Plan, and it was agreed that both the Selectboard and the Bethel Business Association might wish to participate in the construction of some parts of the questionnaire.

A January 12, 2009 letter from Champlain Consulting Engineers was reviewed, this pertaining to that company's preparation of permit applications for upgrading water and sewer systems at the Town Hall as part of that rehabilitation project. The Board members unanimously endorsed a letter to the Department of Environmental Conservation confirming that sufficient capacity exists in both systems to provide for the upgrading.

By motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried, the following RESOLUTION was approved by the Board:

"WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel has worked with the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission to identify hazards, analyze past and potential future losses due to natural and human-caused disasters, and identify strategies for mitigating future losses; and,

WHEREAS, the Bethel Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (in the Town Annex section of the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan) contains several potential future projects to mitigate damage from disasters with the potential to occur in the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public meeting was held by the Bethel Selectboard on January 26, 2009 to formally approve and adopt the Bethel Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as an annex to the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Selectboard adopts the Bethel Town Annex and the associated Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan."

A January 6, 2009 letter from the Vermont Department of Health was next reviewed, this advising that the Board must recommend a potential appointee for the position of Town Health Officer. This matter will be taken up at the Board's next meeting.

The Board then reviewed recommendations from the Class 4 Road Committee re. additional class 4 roads which have been confirmed as "legally existent" prior to February 10, 2006 by that

Committee's research, and which could be submitted to the Vermont Agency of Transportation for mapping on the Town Highway Map subject to the Selectboard's concurrence that such should be done. Various maps were examined, as well as the research of the Committee inclusive of the original "lay-outs" for the subject roads. After due consideration, motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried, that the following roads should be submitted to the Mapping Division of the Vermont Agency of Transportation for addition to the Town Highway Map:

(1) A road commencing on the southerly side of Town Highway #41 (Dartt Hill Road) approximately .07 mile westerly of the intersection of Town Highway #41 with Town Highway #43 (Brink Hill Road) and running in a southerly direction .13 mile to intersect with the "Rochester Stage Road."

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(2) A road commencing on the easterly side of Town Highway #41 (Dartt Hill Road) approximately .2 mile southerly of the intersection of Town Highway #41 and class 4 Town Highway #42 (Pauls Peak Road) and running in a northeasterly direction .15 mile to intersect with the "Rochester Stage Road."

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(3) A road commencing on the easterly side of Town Highway #26 (Quarry Road) approximately .39 mile easterly of the intersection of Town Highway #26 and Town Highway #25 (Sanders Road) and running in a southeasterly direction .3 mile to intersect with Town Highway #6 (Christian Hill Road).

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(4) A road commencing on the easterly side of Town Highway #31 (Campbell Road) approximately .47 miles northerly of the intersection of Town Highway #31 and Town Highway #54 (Bryant Road) and running in a southeasterly direction .57 mile to intersect with Town Highway #41 (Dartt Hill Road).

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(5) Being two segments of highway which connect with previously mapped segments of Town Highway, collectively being the "Old Whittier Road": (a) commencing near the presently mapped southerly end of Town Highway #58 (Whitcomb Hill Road) near the Bethel/Stockbridge Town Line and continuing in a northeasterly direction .05 mile to intersect with Town Highway #57 (Whittier Road) and (b) a road commencing at a point on Town Highway #57 approximately .1 mile easterly of the intersection of Town Highway #57 and Town Highway #58 and running in an easterly direction approximately .49 mile to reconnect with Town Highway #57.

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The "Certificate of Highway Mileage Year Ending February 10, 2009" was then approved and unanimously signed by the Board, with addition of the mileage for the above-referenced class 4 roads.

As per appointment at 7:30 PM, Chairman Fox welcomed Eric Benson. Mr. Benson advised that he wished to present some project ideas being developed by the Bethel Business Association, and to hopefully obtain the Board's support for them. He first explained the plan of developing a hiking trail on the "Branliere" Town Forest land. He suggested that much of the site work might be possible to do in conjunction with forestry management work the Town would wish to have done to make effective use of the property. It was agreed that Delbert Cloud would research the Town Forest files on the subject property, and provide information to Mr. Benson to help evaluate the feasibility of the idea, the Board members being supportive of the concept.

Debra Leahy then spoke of a project being developed by the School District, as the basis for a grant application to the AOT "Safe Routes to School Program." A project team must be formed, and certain participants are required, among them a representative of the Town legislative body. Joe DeFreitas volunteered to help with the effort.

Eric Benson added that the Bethel Business Association is also hoping to replace the aging benches which are situated along the streetside in various locations. He showed pictures of stone benches which have been placed in some communities, and wondered if the Board would be receptive to such form of replacement. The Board members concurred that the idea was good, and welcomed further information regarding costs, etc.

The Board then reviewed a draft of the Warning for the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting. The text appeared to reflect all matters of business correctly, and the Warning was approved and endorsed by the Board members per motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried.

A draft of the Town Report, inclusive of Town General Fund and Enterprise Fund budgets, was also examined and found to be complete and suitable for printing. It is anticipated that the School District's report will be combined for printing and mailing.

The Board also reviewed documents pertaining to potential bonding for certain water system improvements. After due consideration, the following RESOLUTION was unanimously approved by motion of Joe DeFreitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried:

"RESOLVED, that the public interest and necessity demand that certain public improvements be made, viz: replacement of water system mains on River Street (Vermont State Route 107) and areas adjacent to the so-called River Street Bridge to include a new sleeved main beneath the railroad tracks connecting the new water main to the water system along Main Street in the Town of Bethel, said improvements estimated to cost Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of completing said public improvements, after application of funds available from the United States of America and/or the State of Vermont, will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the Town of Bethel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposal for providing such improvements and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) to pay for its cost of the same, should be submitted to the legal voters of the Town at a Special Meeting thereof to be duly called and held on March 5, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town of Bethel for the purpose of financing such improvements, as well as the construction, maintenance and operation of such improvements within and without the corporate limits of the Town be in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 53, 89, and 120 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Warning and form of ballot be adopted for use in connection with consideration of the above-stated propositions of making said public improvements and incurring bonded indebtedness therefor."

The Warning for a Special Meeting to vote on the subject question was then approved and endorsed by the Board members. A "Sample Ballot" was also determined appropriate for the purpose.

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