

1/7/2025

VTrans Mapping Section

District 4
Certcode 1417-0

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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

We, the members of the legislative body of SHARON in WINDSOR County on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.


Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000				
Class 2	14.520				
Class 3	33.11		-0.05	33.06	
State Highway	16.167				
Total	63.797			63.747	
* Class 1 Lane	0.000				
* Class 4	6.70		-0.10	6.60	
* Legal Trail	6.04				

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

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

New total mileage written in by K. Alley (VTrans) 4/24/2025

1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".



2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

-0.10 mi CL4 TH-46 discontinued
-0.05 mi CL3 TH-47 discontinued

3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

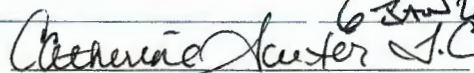
4. SCENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES RECORDED THIS YEAR: Place an X in the box and sign below. ☐

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Signatures of Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees:

Signature of T/C/V Clerk:



Date Filed:

January 7, 2025

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

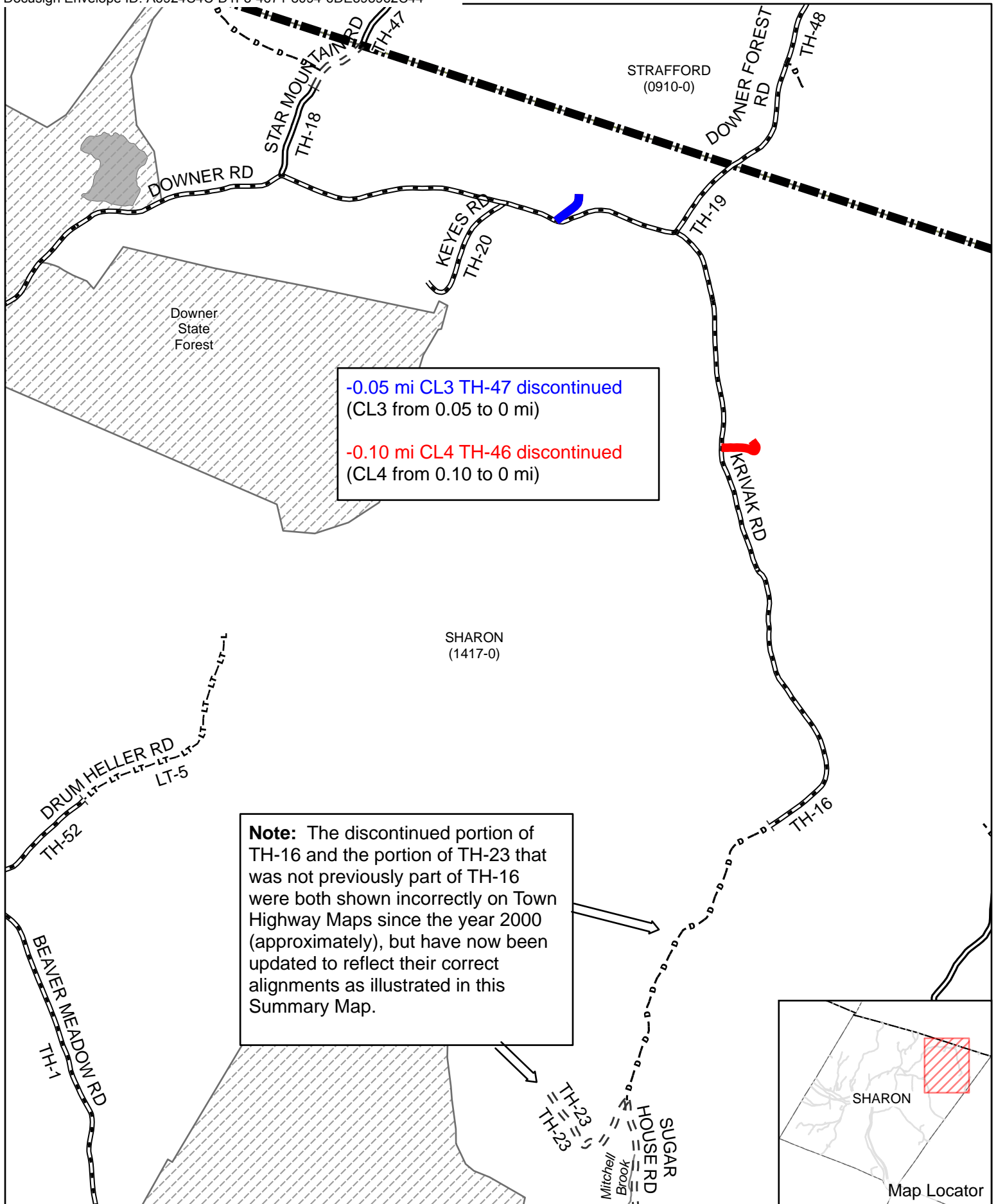
AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

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Representative, Agency of Transportation

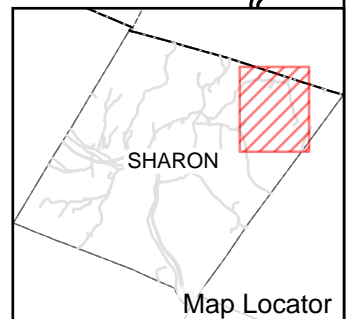
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Mileage Certificate Changes 2025

SHARON

(CTUA:1417-0)
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TOWN OF SHARON, VT

Received for record May 13 A.D. 2024
 at 11:04 o'clock A M. and recorded in
 Sharon land Records, Vol. 112 Page 500-502
 Attest: Catherine Saxton J.C.

**TOWN OF SHARON
 SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF HEARING
 AND ORDER TO DISCONTINUE
 TOWN HIGHWAY 46**

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Town Highway 46 provides access to 485 Krivak Road, a 234.2-acre lot (parcel number R16335.L2) presently owned and managed by Mr. John Manchester of both MFarm, LLC and JKM, Limited of Hanover, New Hampshire.
2. Town Highway 46 is a nameless 0.10-mile section of Class 4 road in the Town of Sharon. Town Highway 46 intersects with Town Highway 16 (Krivak Road) 0.46 miles from the intersection of Town Highway 19 (Downer Road) and Town Highway 16 and travels 0.10 miles in an easterly direction.
3. Town Highway 46 appears as a Class 4 road on the Agency of Transportation municipal highways mileage map for the first time in 1976.
4. Mr. Manchester requested that TH46 be discontinued in a letter to the Selectboard dated June 15th, 2023, and the Selectboard initiated proceedings for discontinuance pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §708(a).
5. On November 16th, 2023, the Town of Sharon sent notice of the site visit and public hearing via certified mail pursuant to Title 19 Sec. 709. The initial site visit scheduled for December 14th, 2023 and the public hearing scheduled for December 18th, 2023 were rescheduled due to lack of quorum.
6. Notice of a new hearing date and site visit was sent as required via certified mail on February 8th, 2024.
7. Pursuant to 19 VSA §709, a public hearing notice was published in the Valley News on February 22nd, 2024, and was published more than 10 days in advance of the public hearing. Notices of the hearing were forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office and the Sharon Planning Commission. Additional notices were posted throughout Town, including at the Post Office and Municipal Library as well as on Town of Sharon official website.
8. The Selectboard conducted a site visit on location at the intersection of Town Highway 46 and Town Highway 16 (Krivak Road) starting at 9:00AM on Saturday, March 9th, 2024 in advance of the public hearing. Attendees included Kevin Gish, Chair, Scott Henkels, Vice Chair, Sarah Pfeiffer, Clerk, Frank Rogers, Road Foreman and Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant.

9. During the site visit, the Selectboard noted two culverts that may have been maintained by the Town under the Town's Highway Policy for Class 4 roads.
10. The Sharon Selectboard held a public hearing on Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 6:30PM, in Sharon Town Offices located at 15 School Street, on the question of whether to discontinue a.k.a. 'throw up' Town Highway 46. No member of the public nor landowners participated in the public hearing. No member of the planning commission was in attendance.
11. The public hearing was adjourned until April 1st, 2024 at 6:30PM.
12. The Sharon Selectboard resumed the public hearing on Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 6:30PM. No member of the public nor any landowner participated in the public hearing nor was any testimony given either in favor or in opposition to the discontinuance. No member of the planning commission was in attendance.
13. The Selectboard adjourned the public hearing on April 1st, 2024 and entered deliberations.

FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

Town Highway 46 is a stub road that does not function as a municipal highway in the true sense of the word. We find that this section of road serves the function of a driveway and provides access to a single parcel. Town Highway 46 does not connect to any other legal trails or any other municipal highways other than Town Highway 16 (Krivak Road).

This 0.10-mile section of road serves no legitimate municipal purpose as a town highway, and it is of limited benefit to anyone other than the landowners who are in favor of the discontinuance.

All preexisting culverts which had previously been maintained by the Town would become the responsibility of the property owner upon discontinuance. The property owner would need to maintain culverts in accordance with VT Agency of Natural Resources requirements and the Town Highway Policy as applicable.

Discontinuance of TH46 does not create a landlocked parcel, which would be in violation of the Sharon Subdivision regulations.

Based on the facts as described above, the Selectboard finds that discontinuance of Town Highway 46 meets the 'public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality' requirement as outlined in 19 VSA §710.

Order to Discontinue
Per 19 V.S.A. § 710

In conformance with 19 V.S.A. § 710-711, the Town of Sharon Selectboard now submit this order:

Order: Based on the facts as described above, the Selectboard finds that discontinuance of Town Highway 46 meets the 'public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality' requirement as outlined in 19 VSA §710 and hereby orders the discontinuance of Town Highway 46, an unnamed Class 4 nameless 0.10-mile section of Class 4 road in the Town of Sharon which intersects with Town Highway 16 (Krivak Road) 0.46 miles from the intersection of Town Highway 19 (Downer Road) and Town Highway 16 and travels 0.10 miles in an easterly direction.

SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Signed: _____

Kevin Gish
 Kevin Gish (May 7, 2024 21:02 EDT)

Scott Henkels
 Scott Henkels (May 9, 2024 19:27 EDT)

Sarah Pfeiffer
 Sarah Pfeiffer (May 7, 2024 16:46 EDT)

RECORDED in Sharon Land Records in Book 112 Pages 500-502 on
May 13, 2024, @ 11:04 AM.

Signed: _____

Catherine Sartori J.C.
 Sharon Town Clerk

RETURNED to landowner of record on May 13th, 2024 (pursuant to 19 VSA § 711).

Signed: _____

Nicola Shipman
 Selectboard Assistant, Nicola Shipman

Procedure for Appeal

19 VSA § 726. Petition to Superior Court

A person not satisfied with the damages offered by the selectboard, or any decision made by the selectboard, may apply to the Civil Division of the Superior Court for the appointment of commissioners to appraise the damages. Any other persons claiming damages on account of the highway may join in the petition, but filing the petition shall not delay the opening of the highway. (Added 1985, No. 269 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; amended 2009, No. 154 (Adj. Sess.), § 238.)

TOWN OF SHARON, VT

Received for record May 13 A.D. 2024
 at 11:20 o'clock A M. and recorded in
 Sharon Land Records, Vol. 112 Page 503-504
 Attest: Catherine Saxton J.C.

**TOWN OF SHARON
 SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF HEARING
 AND ORDER TO DISCONTINUE
 TOWN HIGHWAY 47**

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Town Highway 47 provides the sole access to 2649 Downer Road, a 112.83-acre lot (parcel number R16264.LR) presently owned by Mr. Stephen Butterworth and Mrs. Nina Starr located in Sharon, Vermont.
2. Town Highway 47, known locally as Butterworth Road, is a 0.05-mile section of Class 3 road in the Town of Sharon. Town Highway 47 intersects with Town Highway 16 (Downer Road) 0.24 miles west from the intersection of Town Highway 19 (Downer Road) and Town Highway 16 (Krivak Road) and travels 0.05 miles in a north-easterly direction.
3. Town Highway 47 appears as a Class 3 road on the 2023 Vermont General Highway Map for the Town of Sharon prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation.
4. There is little information as to the laying out of the road, but it first appears as a 0.05-mile Class 3 road on the 1986 General Highway Map.
5. On November 16th, 2023, the Town of Sharon sent notice of the site visit and public hearing via certified mail pursuant to Title 19 Sec. 709. Both the initial site visit scheduled for December 14th, 2023 and the public hearing scheduled for December 18th, 2023 were rescheduled due to lack of quorum.
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8. The Selectboard conducted a site visit on location at the intersection of Town Highway 47 and Town Highway 16 (Downer Road) starting at 9:30AM on Saturday, March 9th, 2024 in advance of the public hearing. Attendees included Kevin Gish, Chair, Scott Henkels, Vice Chair, Sarah Pfeiffer, Clerk, Frank Rogers, Road Foreman and Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant, Stephen Butterworth and Nina Starr, both residents of 2649 Downer Road.

9. During the site visit, the Selectboard noted the site lines from Town Highway 47 at the intersection with Town Highway 16 (Downer Road), as well as the pitch of the road, the condition of the ditches, the clearance available for a turnaround, the location of the E911 signage, the location of a road signage as well as the general condition of the road and right of way access.
10. The Sharon Selectboard held a public hearing on Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 6:30PM, in Sharon Town Offices located at 15 School Street, on the question of whether to discontinue a.k.a. 'throw up' Town Highway 47. Interested parties in attendance Stephen Butterworth and Nina Starr.
11. At the public hearing, the Selectboard received testimony from Mr. Stephen Butterworth and Mrs. Nina Starr.
12. Chair Kevin Gish read aloud a letter provided by Mr. Stephen Butterworth. In the letter, Mr. Butterworth noted that "[a]fter consideration, we have decided that we would like to keep our driveway as it is."
13. Chair Kevin Gish and Vice Chair Scott Henkels requested further clarification as to Mr. Butterworth's statement.
14. Mr. Butterworth clarified that he and Mrs. Nina Starr were asking the Selectboard to move forward with the discontinuance of Town Highway 47.
15. The public hearing was adjourned until April 1st, 2024 at 6:30PM.
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17. The Selectboard adjourned the public hearing on April 1st, 2024 and entered deliberations.

FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

The Selectboard finds that the Town Highway 47 is a stub road that does not function as a municipal highway.

1. The public would have no reason to access Town Highway 47 as it leads only to 2649 Downer Road, a private residence.
2. Town Highway 47 does not connect to any other legal trails, nor does it connect to any other municipal highway other than Town Highway 16 (Downer Road) or any other towns.
3. There is no scenic or recreational value to this road.

The Selectboard finds that Town Highway 47 serves the function of a private driveway allowing access to a private residence. This finding is confirmed by the property owner's written reference to the road as a "driveway".

Currently, the municipal plow operator must either back into or out of Town Highway 47 in order to plow the 0.05-mile section of road due to the lack of turnaround. Given the plow's size and mass, the Selectboard agrees this creates a safety concern for both the operator and commuters, who may not be aware of the plow due to the poor sight lines. The Town considers the safety of commuters and the municipal plow operators to be a top priority.

Additionally, this 0.05-mile section of road is not up to Class 3 standard as it does not meet the "sufficient width" requirement of the Highway Policy nor is there a turnaround at the end of the road that allows for safe passage of the municipal vehicles.

The Selectboard does not wish to engage in future widening or further improvements to the road given the stated objections of the property owners to any municipal management of the road above and beyond routine plowing and sanding.

Town Highway 47 would not meet the Town's own definition of an acceptable curb cut under the requirements of the Town's current Highway Policy due to the angle of the curb cut, the lack of approach runout and the poor sight lines created by the sharp angle of entry at the intersection with Town Highway 16 (Downer Road).

The Selectboard agrees that the Town would not be able to improve Town Highway 47 to bring it up to Class 3 or even consider a reclassification without going against the landowner's stated wishes to leave the road in its current condition and proceed with discontinuance.

Discontinuance of Town Highway 47 does not create a landlocked parcel, which would be in violation of the Sharon Subdivision regulations.


Based on the facts as described above and on received testimony from the property owners, the Selectboard finds that discontinuance of Town Highway 47 meets the 'public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality' requirement as outlined in 19 VSA §710.

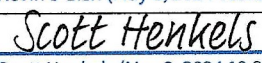
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Alley, Kerry

From: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2025 4:59 PM
To: Alley, Kerry
Subject: RE: Questions about TH-23 on the Sharon Town Highway Map
Attachments: Town Highway 47_Order of Discontinuance_2024.pdf; Town Highway 46_Order of Discontinuance_2024.pdf; 20250102_162854.jpg; 20250102_162901.jpg; 20250102_162936.jpg; 20250102_163036.jpg; 20250102_163041.jpg

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Hi Kerry,

Yes, TH-46 was discontinued by order of the Selectboard along with another stub road TH-47. See documentation attached.

Also, here are some photos of some maps we have hanging. I can see where there are some streams that could have been confused for roads, but also looking at the house sites on these maps, you could better extrapolate where the untraveled portion of TH-23 might more realistically sit.

All the best,
Nicola

Nicola Shipman
Town Administrator
Town of Sharon
15 School Street

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Phone: 802-763-8268 x 4
Email: selectboard@sharonvt.net
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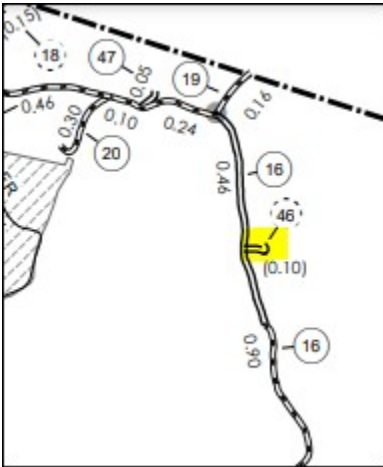
Per 1 V.S.A. § 317 This email may be subject to Public Record Law

(b) As used in this subchapter, "public record" or "public document" means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or acquired in the course of public agency business.

From: Alley, Kerry <Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>
Subject: RE: Questions about TH-23 on the Sharon Town Highway Map

Hi Nicola,

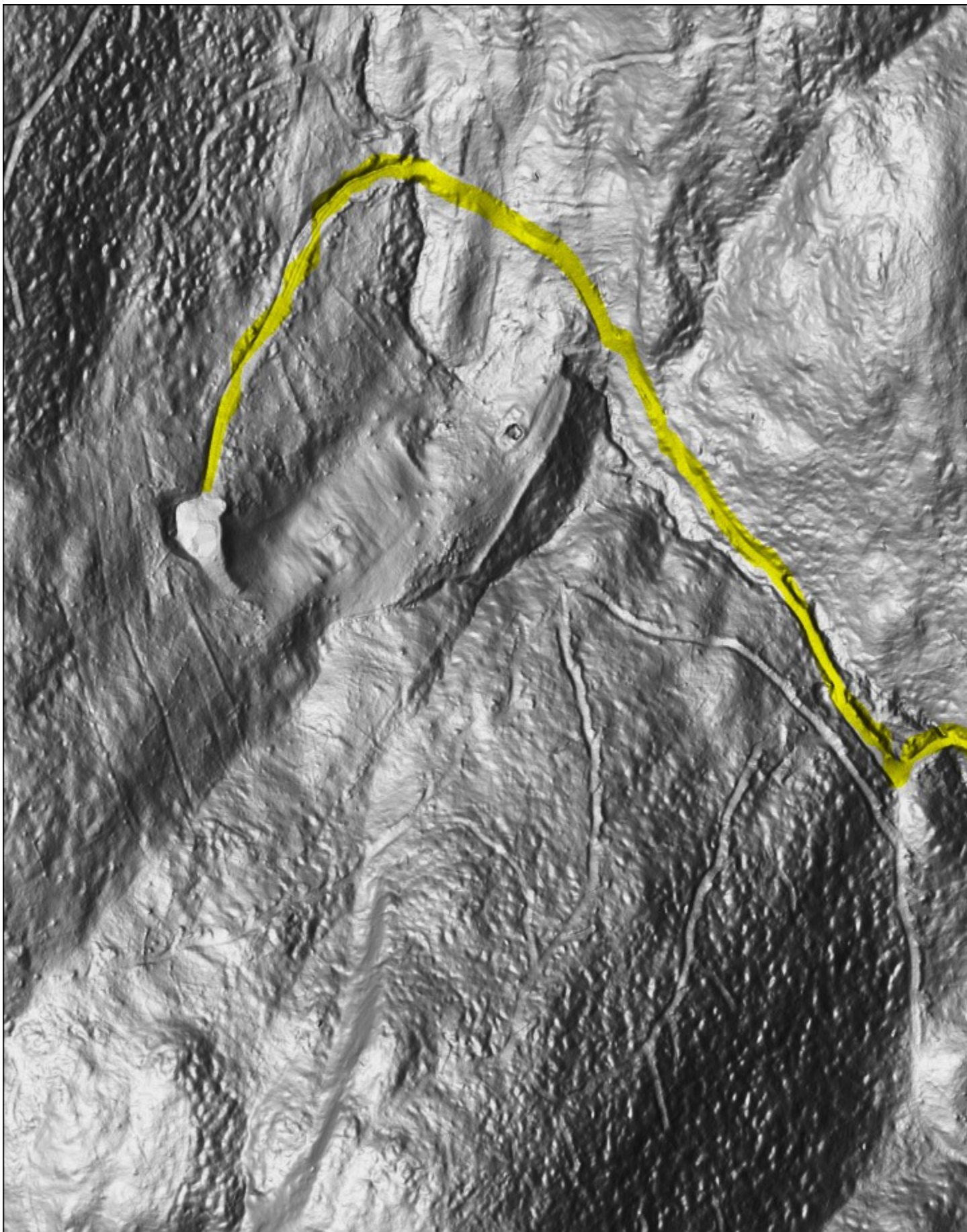
As soon as we hung up, I realized that I forgot to ask you about class 4 TH-46, off TH-16 (see map excerpt below). Tyler Hermanson from E911 mentioned that he'd heard that this road had been discontinued. Can you confirm this, and send us any documentation you have?

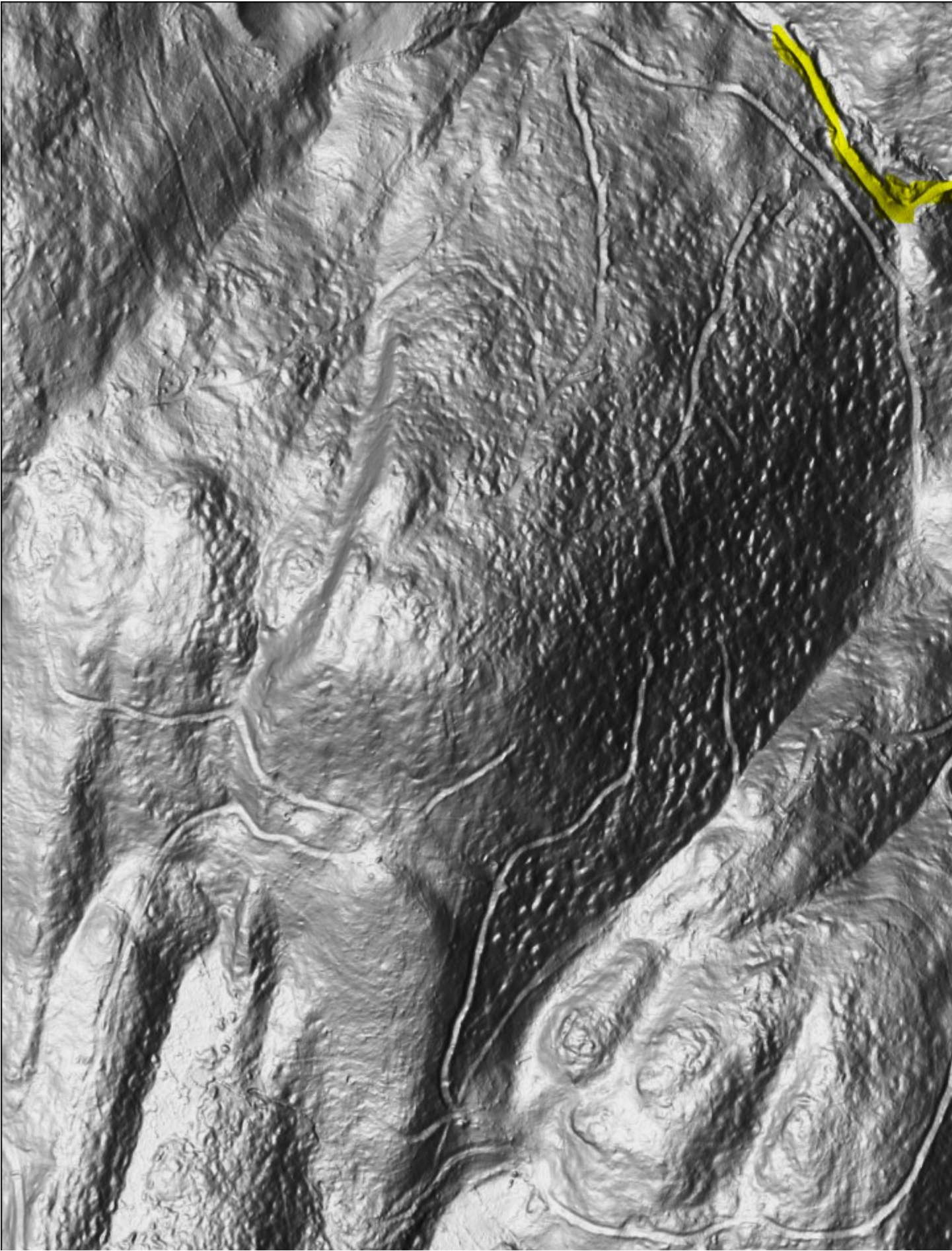


I've also pasted two larger hill-shade images of the area around TH-23 below, in case they help. (I've highlighted the same roadway all images to help facilitate comparisons.

Thanks!

Kerry





Kerry Alley | GIS Professional III
Policy, Planning & Research Bureau – Mapping Section
Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development Division
Vermont Agency of Transportation
219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641
802-917-2621 (cell) | Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov
<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps>

From: Alley, Kerry
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 3:22 PM
To: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>
Subject: RE: Questions about TH-23 on the Sharon Town Highway Map

Hi Nicola,

We can certainly wait for you to return from vacation. We will probably be mailing out updated 2024 Town Highway Maps before you return from vacation (the Sharon map will have the Downer State Forest roads restored to the map), but we can easily create a new map next year with any updates resulting from my questions.

Have a great vacation! 😊

Kerry

From: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 12:39 PM
To: Alley, Kerry <Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about TH-23 on the Sharon Town Highway Map

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Dear Kerry,

I did see your email, but it is going to take me a minute to orient. Also, I am on vacation next week. Is this time sensitive or do we have a little breathing room to do some investigations into your questions?

All the best,
Nicola

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From: Alley, Kerry <Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 9:08 PM

To: Sharon Town Clerk <clerk@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>

Subject: Questions about TH-23 on the Sharon Town Highway Map

Greetings to the Town of Sharon,

As I was updating the Sharon Town Highway Map to show the State Forest Roads in Downer State Forest, I noticed the linework for TH-23 (see the first image below with the current VTrans map data) and a hunch led me to investigate whether it should connect with TH-16. Instead, I think I’ve discovered a more significant error on the Sharon Town Highway Map. Can someone from the Town can help me make sure that we are showing TH-23 and TH-16 correctly on the Town Highway Map?

The following is a summary of the information that we (the VTrans Mapping Section) have, and what I think needs to be clarified. All of the relevant images are shown at the bottom of this email.

Comparing the current map data with archived copies of the Sharon Town Highway Map (see the 1949 map excerpt below as an example), it becomes clear that TH-16 used to be a through-road, and that TH-23 was a side road.

Looking at our map data along with the Sharon parcel data and terrain imagery (see the 3rd image below) it seems that our data shows TH-23 along the original TH-16 alignment, and a discontinued road east of there, but the 1986 Town Highway Map indicates that a portion of TH-16 was discontinued, which makes me think that the discontinued road we currently show on the map should instead follow the original alignment of TH-16.

I’ve included a close up image highlighting what I think might be the correct alignment of TH-23 (including an older, shorter alignment of the most visible road shown with dashed highlighting). There is also evidence of other old roads in that area, so I think it’s good to be careful about making assumptions here.

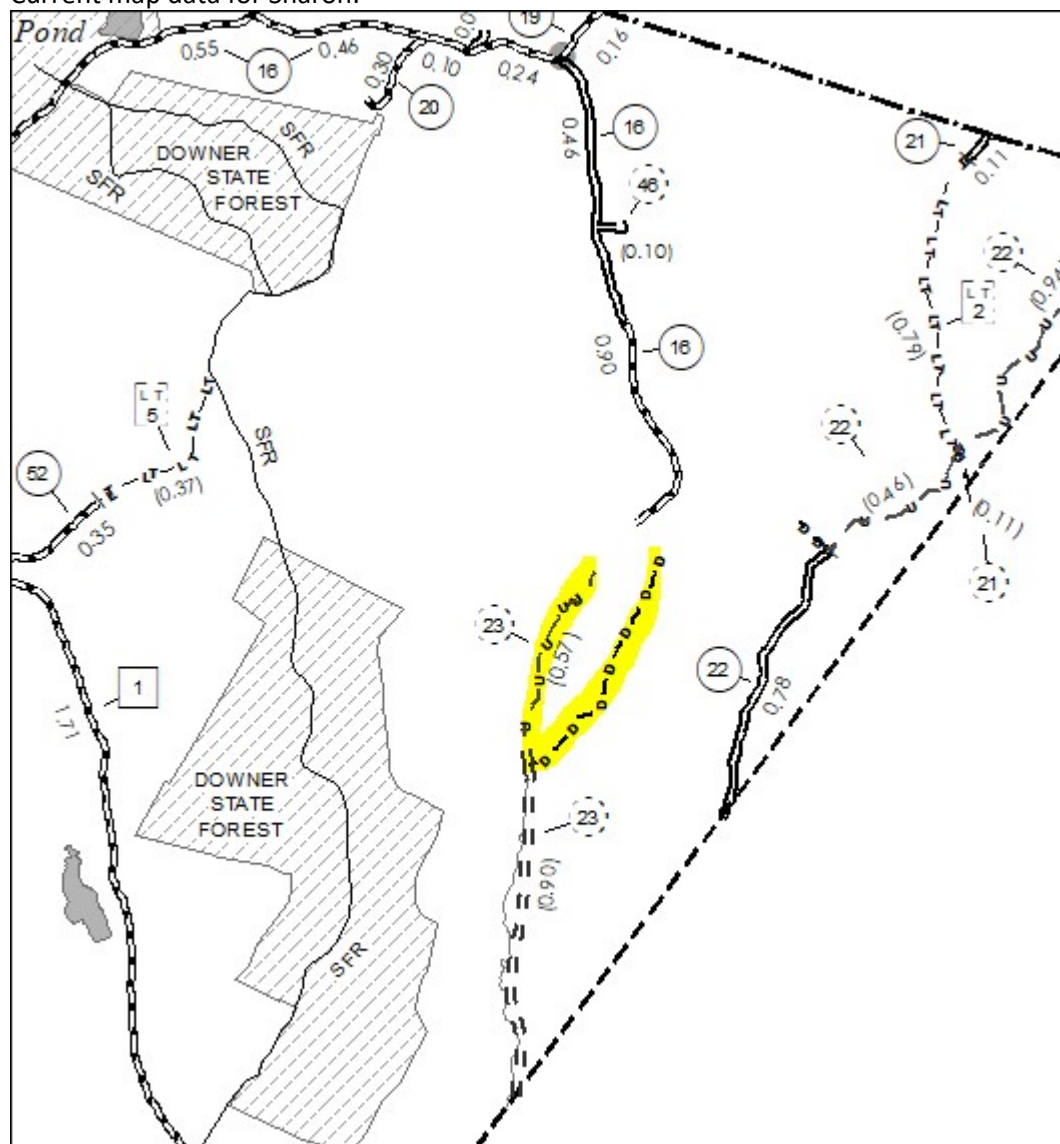
Is there someone with the Town of Sharon who can confirm if my thoughts about how TH-23 and the discontinued road should be mapped?

I also wanted to make sure that a portion of TH-16 really was discontinued at some point, because the only evidence of this in our scanned records is a hand-written note on a map made during a field inventory from 1981. Does the town consider there to be a continuous public right of way, as suggested by the parcel data, along the original alignment of TH-16? We might have more details in our paper records about changes to TH-16 that occurred in 1961, or explaining the notes made in 1981, but I still thought it would be important to get the Town’s perspective on this, regardless of what we find.

Could someone with the Town of Sharon get back with us to help clarify the status and alignment of TH-23 and TH-16? If anyone else has questions about the information I’ve outlined above, or about the Town Highway Maps in general, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email (contact information is after the images below).

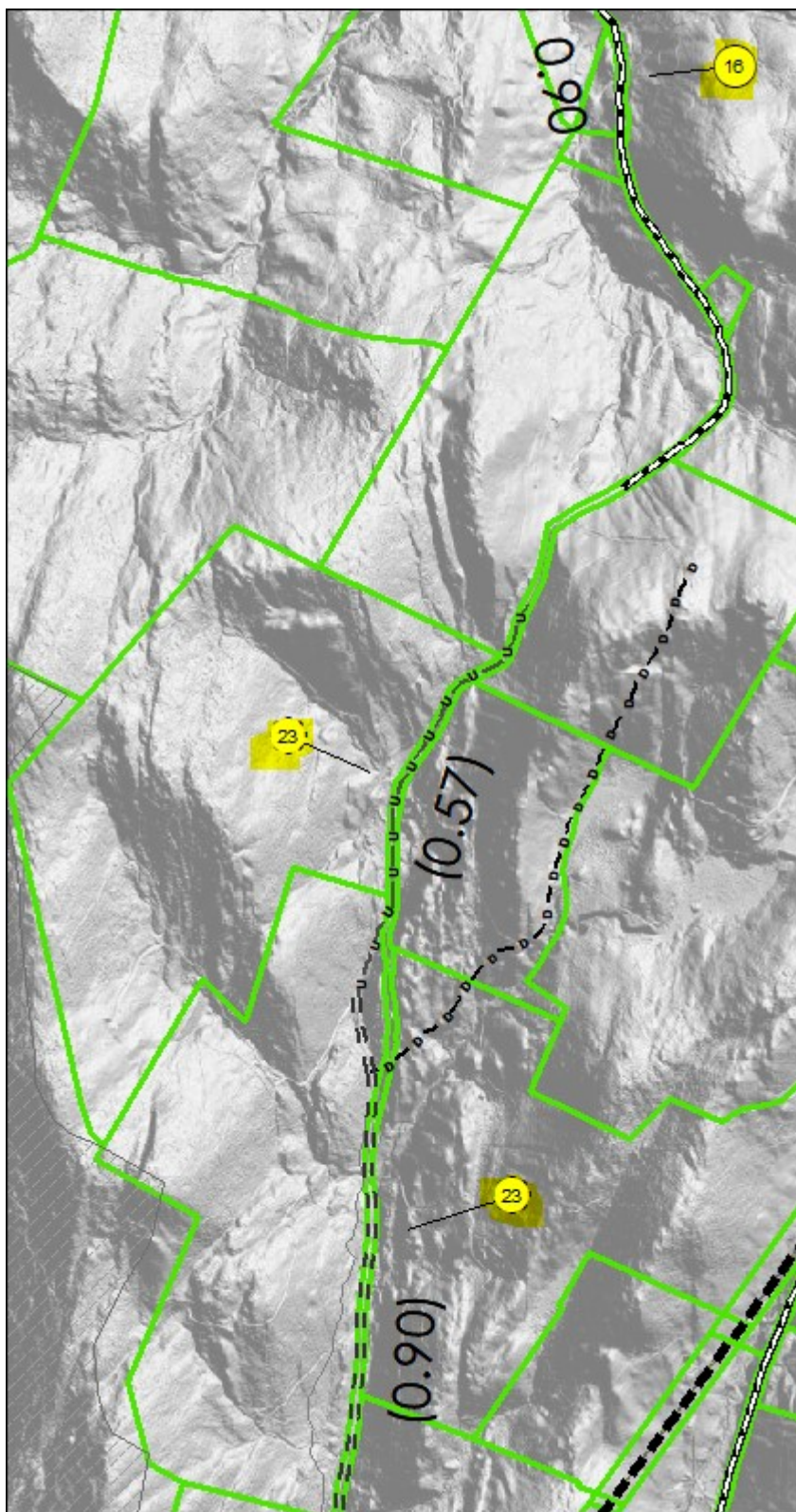
Thank you very much in advance for your assistance in making the Sharon Town Highway Map as accurate as possible!

Kerry

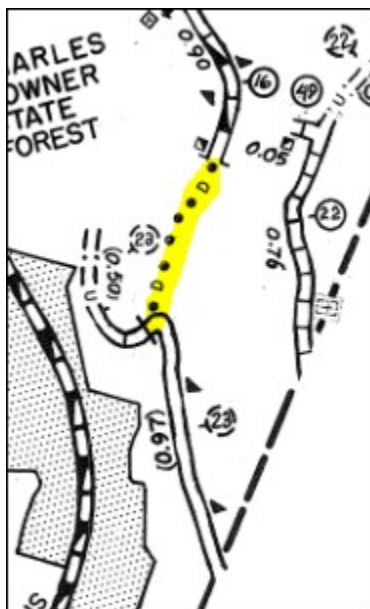


A detailed map of Charles Downer State Forest. A yellow highlight marks a specific trail segment. The map includes various geographical features like roads, trails, and forest boundaries, along with numerical data points and labels such as 'Charles Downer State Forest' and 'he cent'.

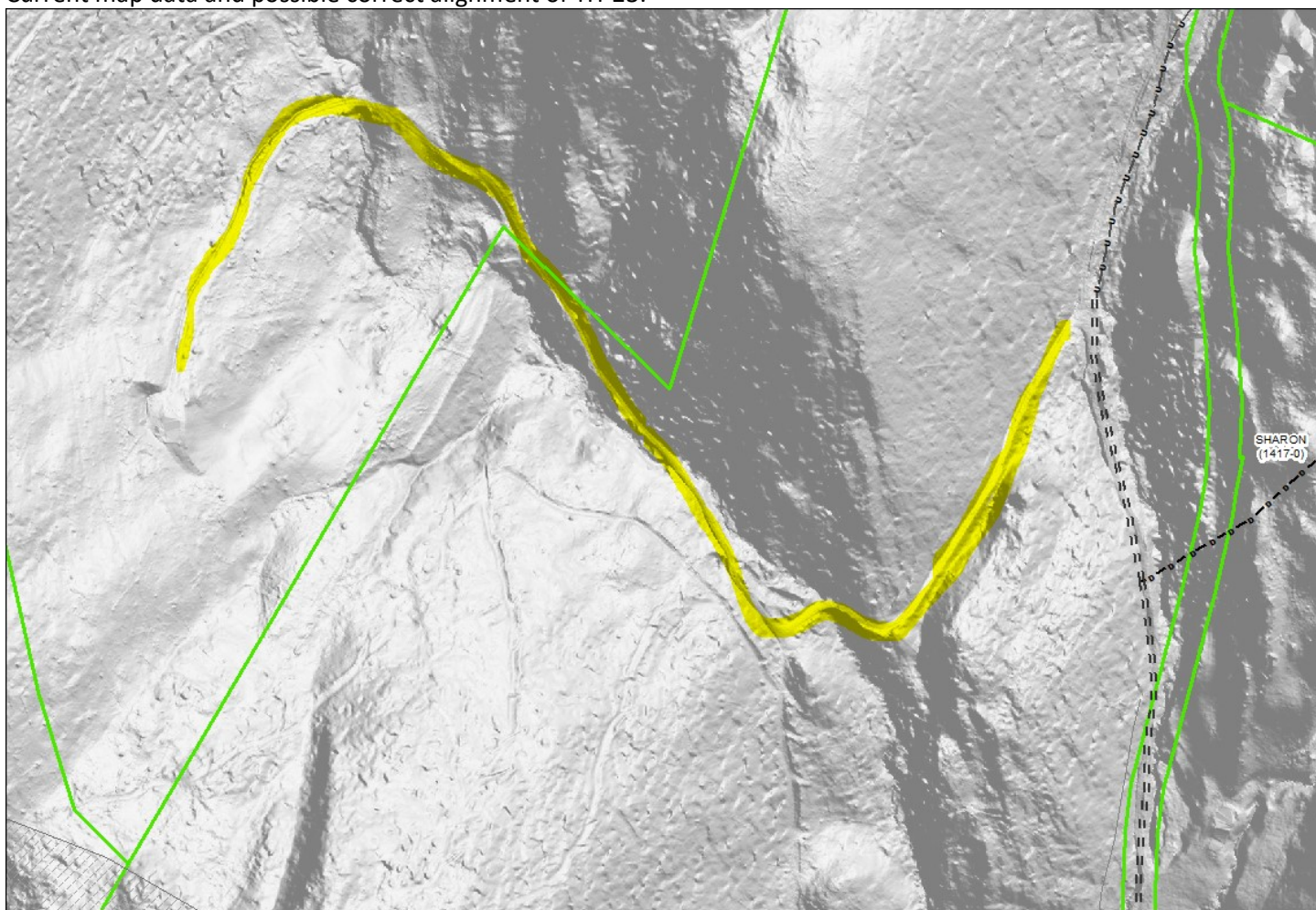
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1986 Town Highway Map excerpt:



Current map data and possible correct alignment of TH-23:



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Vermont Agency of Transportation



