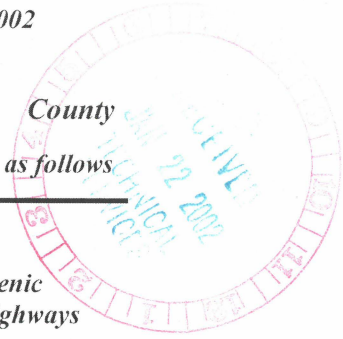


CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2002

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

We, the Selectmen or Aldermen or Trustees of BRIDPORT in ADDISON County on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Title 19, V.S.A, Sec #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			0	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000			0	
Class 2	7.400			7.400	0.000
Class 3	49.680		0.150	49.530	0.000
State Highway	14.490			14.490	0.000
* Class 4	7.100			7.100	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>71.570</b>			<b>71.420</b>	<b>0.000</b>

Totals entered by Mike Eling AUT 1/23/02 mwe.

\* Class 1 Lane Mileage and Class 4 is 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).

Discontinued Town Highway # 8 (Merino Lane) mileage: 0.15

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 of Stephen H. Huestis, Jeremy J. Pelletier, and Jan Boyer.

Clerk Signature: Valerie Bungeois Date Filed: 1-17-02

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

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

APPROVED: Donald A. Pelletier Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 1-24-02

COPY

TOWN OF BRIDPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN ORDER

Pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Vermont including but not limited to Sections 708, 709, 710, 711 and 775 of Title 19 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Town of Bridport Board of Selectmen have taken the following actions:

On December 10, 2001, it proposed that all of Merino Lane (also known as Bridport Town Highway No. 8) be discontinued and thus cease to exist as a public highway. Merino Lane has a length of approximately fifteen/one hundredths of a mile. On December 10, 2001, it set forth that on Thursday, January 17, 2002, at 12:00 o'clock (noon) it hold a meeting at the intersection of Merino Lane with Rattlin Bridge Road (also known as Bridport Town Highway No. 5) for the purpose of proceeding to examine the premises that would be affected and to hear from any persons or parties interested in said matter, including any claims for damages. It caused legal notice thereof, including time and place and purpose, to be given to those in the below NOTICE LIST by sending written notice thereof to each of them by certified mail (at their respective official residence insofar as individual persons and to the best respective address known to the Town insofar as the other entities) on December 14, 2001, (being at least 30 days prior to such meeting); and, also, gave a similar written notice to the Town of Bridport Planning Commission, posted a similar notice in the Bridport Town Clerk's Office and published a similar written notice in the Addison County Independent's December 20, 2001, issue, all not less than 10 days before said January 17, 2002, meeting.

NOTICE LIST:

Richard W. Morton and Susan H. Morton -- 511 Mountain Road, Bridport, VT 05734 (owners); Waitsfield-Champlain Valley Telecom -- P.O. Box 9, Waitsfield, VT 05673 (easement holder); Charles H. Hardwick and Kimberly M. Hardwick -- 620 Raven Crest Drive, Maryville, Tennessee 37801 (mortgage holder); Charter One Bank, FSB -- 1215 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114 and 100 Bank Street, Suite 750 Burlington, VT 05401 Attention: Robert J. Blanchard Vice President (mortgage holder); State of Vermont Dept. Taxes Property Valuation & Review -- 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1401 (lien holder, land use); Central Vermont Public Service Corporation -- P.O. Box 827, Rutland, VT 05702-0827 (easement holder).

On January 17, 2002, at 12:00 o'clock (noon) at the appointed location at the intersection of Merino Lane with Rattlin Bridge Road, the Board met for the aforesaid purposes and it examined the premises. Notice was taken of the position of Richard W. Morton and Susan H. Morton as set forth in their Letter to the Selectmen dated December 12, 2001. That position included that they were the owners of the lands on both sides of Merino Lane for its entire length, that they wanted all of Merino Lane discontinued with no designation

thereof as a trail, that such discontinuance would help them better safeguard their property by enabling them to gate or otherwise control who uses the roadway and that no damages would be owed to them as a result of such discontinuance.

For reasons that include findings THAT Merino Lane was only serving one parcel of land, THAT the Town would no longer have to maintain said highway and thus saving expenses of snowplowing and other maintenance costs, THAT no designation of said highway should be made as a trail both because said Mortons do not want it since it would detract from their goal of better safeguarding their property and because it would not make sense to do so given that it is a dead-end highway surrounded by one parcel of land; THAT the discontinuance of said highway would not result in any damages being owed to the owners of the lands through which it runs; THAT the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Bridport supports the discontinuance of said highway; THEREFORE the Town of Bridport Board of Selectmen has decided and so orders as follows in this matter:

THAT all of the so-called right of way of Merino Lane, meaning all right, title and interest previously acquired by the Town of Bridport in and to said public highway for public highway purposes, is discontinued and is set to and belongs to the owners of the lands adjoining it, who are understood to be Richard W. Morton and Susan H. Morton, for themselves and their heirs and assigns. The southerly boundary of said Merino Lane being in the northerly edge of the so-called right of way of Rattlin Bridge Road.

AND THAT no one is entitled to any damages.

EXCEPTED from this Order and retained by the Town of Bridport for itself and its successors and assigns is all of its non-public highway right, title and interest in and to any and all of the land lying within the limits of Merino Lane as it previously existed that was originally set out as being a portion of the so-called School Right lands pursuant to there being one share for the benefit of a school under the Charter of the Town of Bridport.

Dated January 17, 2002.

Town of Bridport Board of Selectmen

By:

*Stephen J. Huestes*

*Sam Braughton*

*Jerry J. Schultz*

FROM: Richard W. Morton and Susan H. Morton  
511 Mountain Road  
Bridport, VT 05734

COPY

TO: Bridport Board of Selectmen  
P.O. Box 27  
Bridport, VT 05734


DATED: December 12, 2001

Dear Selectmen:

We, Richard W. Morton and Susan H. Morton, husband and wife, both of Bridport, Vermont, do hereby certify as follows:

1. THAT we are the owners of the lands that lie on both sides of Merino Lane (also known as Bridport Town Highway No. 8) for the entire length thereof.
2. THAT we are in favor of, request and support all of Merino Lane being discontinued, thus ceasing to exist as a public highway, with no designation thereof as a trail.
3. THAT such discontinuance would help us better safeguard our property by enabling us to gate or otherwise control who uses the roadway now known as Merino Lane.
4. THAT we agree that no damages would be owed to us as a result of such discontinuance.

Respectfully,

  
Richard W. Morton

  
Susan H. Morton