

District 4

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE

Received

1/26/2026

Certcode 0108-0

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2026

VTrans Mapping Section

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2026 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 HANCOCK in ADDISON 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 6 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, and Legal Trail. Handwritten values are present in the Class 3 and Total rows.

* 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.

Mileage adjustment, Part I Totals, and Part II change description by K. Alley (VTrans) as per attached email dated 3/26/2026.

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

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

-0.64 mi CL3 TH-2 (Texas Falls Rd) partial discontinuance

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:

Handwritten signature of James Lewis

Signature of T/C/V Clerk:

Date Filed:

1/23/26

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

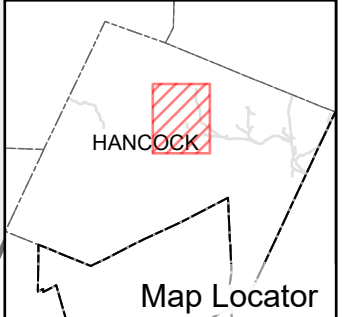
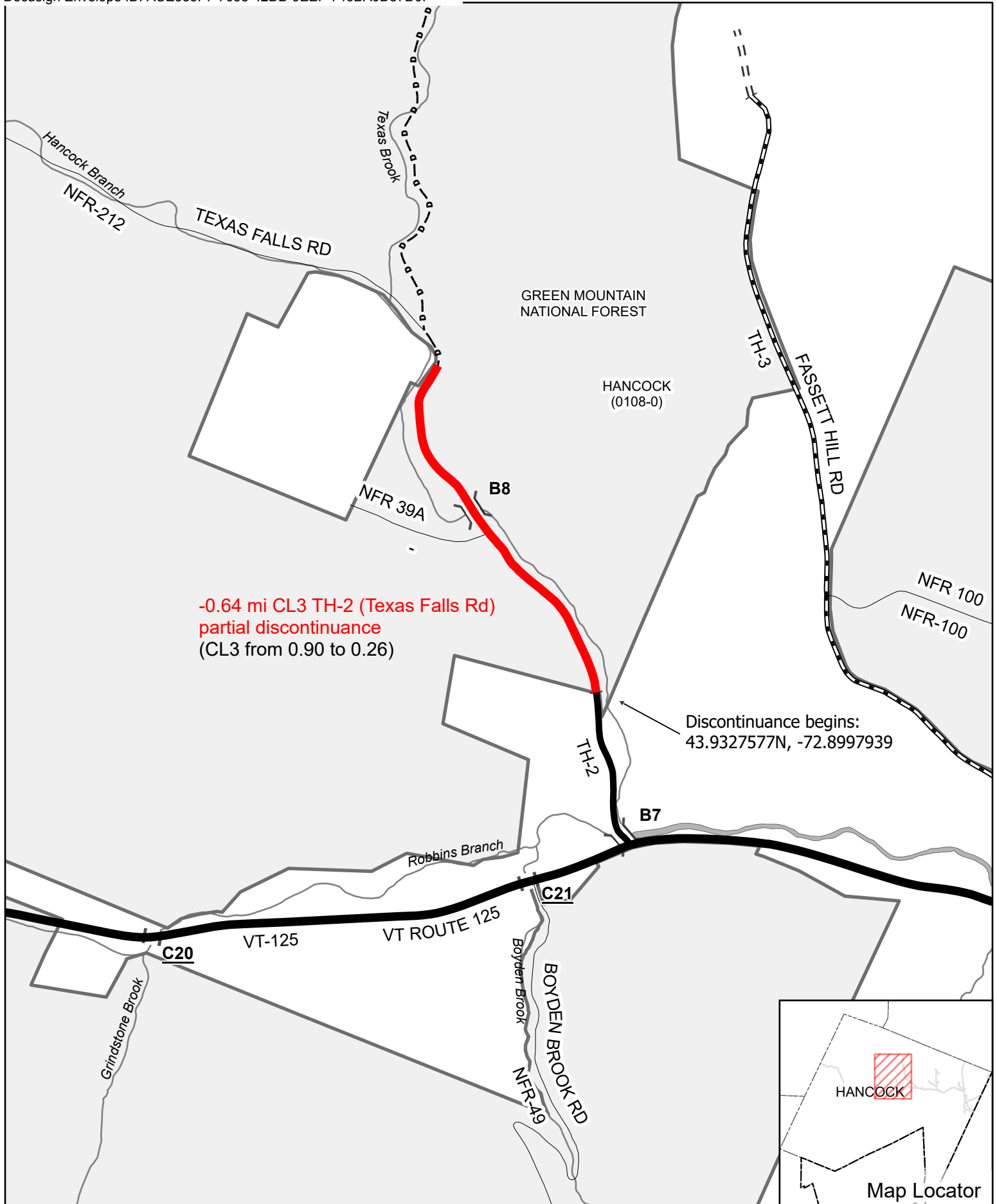
AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

Signature of Johnathan Croft

DATE: 4/10/2026

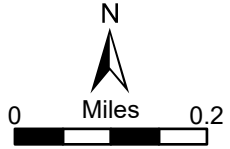
Representative, Agency of Transportation



Mileage Certificate Changes 2026

HANCOCK

(CTUA:0108-0)
(CERTCODE:0108-0)



Alley, Kerry

From: Alley, Kerry
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 11:57 AM
To: townclerk@hancockvt.org
Subject: Adjustment to Hancock's 2026 Mileage Certificate
Attachments: 0108_HANCOCK_TH2.pdf

Good morning Wendy

Could you pass this email on to the Hancock Selectboard for me?

Thank you!
Kerry

Greetings Hancock Selectboard,

While processing Hancock's 2026 Certificate of Highway Mileage, I mapped the discontinued portion of TH-2 (Texas Falls Rd) according to the description in the Selectboard's Report of Findings:

The portion of Texas Falls Road (T. H. #2) considered for discontinuance is described as starting at its intersection with the southerly boundary of the Green Mountain National Forest which is located 0.30 miles north along (T. H. #2) from its southerly intersection with VT Route 125. The starting place of the proposed discontinuance is marked by two trees on either side of Town Highway #2 bearing red paint and a yellow metal tag marked "bearing trees" and has GPS coordinates of 43.9327577N – 72.8997939. The entirety of Town Highway #2 from the above starting point until its northern terminus within the Green Mountain National Forest is considered for discontinuance and is approximately 0.60 miles in length.

The above coordinate is, according to our mapping software, only 0.26 mi north along TH-2 from the centerline of VT Route 125. The coordinate's location also coincides with the boundary of Green Mountain National Forest in the statewide parcel data. These observations suggest that the remaining class 3 mileage for TH-2, after the discontinuance, should be 0.26 mi. Therefore, in order to ensure that the new milage for TH-2 in our records correctly reflects the length of the Town's portion of Texas Falls Rd, I should subtract 0.64 mi from TH-2 instead of the 0.57 mi which is written on the Mileage Certificate. The attached map illustrates the discontinued portion of TH-2 beginning at the coordinate provided.

Please let me know as soon as possible if the Town of Hancock has any documentation that might indicate that a different measure for the class 3 portion of TH-2 would be more appropriate. In the absence of additional documentation, I will assume that the coordinate is the most accurate description of the change, and process the discontinuance as:

-0.64 mi CL3 TH-2 (Texas Falls Rd) partial discontinuance

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me by phone or email,

Kerry

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**HANCOCK SELECTBOARD'S RETURN, REPORT OF
FINDINGS AND ORDER OF DISCONTINUANCE
RE: PORTION OF TEXAS FALLS ROAD (T. H. #2)**

Date of Hearing: August 12, 2025

Location: Hancock Town Offices & Texas Falls Road, Hancock, Vermont

Prepared and approved by: Hancock Selectboard members, Jim Leno and Dan Perera

1. Introduction

On its own motion approved at a Selectboard meeting held on January 7, 2025, the Town of Hancock held a duly noticed public hearing on August 12, 2025 pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 708 *et seq.*, to gather community and stakeholder input on the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Texas Falls Road (T. H. #2). The examination of the premises and hearing were duly noticed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 709 by certified mail sent to the residence of persons owning or interested in lands through which the Texas Falls Road (T. H. #2) passes as well as the Hancock Planning Commission and the Vermont Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Notice of Hearing was also posted in the Hancock Town Clerk's Office and published in the *White River Valley Herald*. See Exhibit A attached hereto.

The portion of Texas Falls Road (T. H. #2) considered for discontinuance is described as starting at its intersection with the southerly boundary of the Green Mountain National Forest which is located 0.30 miles north along (T. H. #2) from its southerly intersection with VT Route 125. The starting place of the proposed discontinuance is marked by two trees on either side of Town Highway #2 bearing red paint and a yellow metal tag marked "bearing trees" and has GPS coordinates of 43.9327577N – 72.8997939. The entirety of Town Highway #2 from the above starting point until its northern terminus within the Green Mountain National Forest is considered for discontinuance and is approximately 0.60 miles in length.

The purpose of the publicly noticed hearing was to provide a platform for inspecting the premises and hearing residents, stakeholders, and the general public regarding the partial discontinuance and to consider the input, comments, concerns, or support of interested persons regarding the discontinuance as proposed and described above.

2. Methodology

The Public Hearing was opened at the Town Offices by the Moderator, Jim Leno.

Attendance: Two members of the public attended in-person and two other members of the public joined the hearing remotely via Zoom video conferencing using the link as posted on the Notice.

Two members of the Hancock Select Board, Jim Leno and Dan Perera, were present and conducted the examination and hearing. Scott Gillette was absent from the hearing and inspection and did not participate in preparing or issuing this Order.

Format: The hearing was opened by Moderator/Selectboard member, Jim Leno, and the floor was then opened for questions from the public. After all questions were answered and comments taken, the hearing was suspended and reconvened to inspect the proposed section of Texas Falls Road to be discontinued where additional questions were answered. The two Selectboard members returned to the Town Offices to reconvene the meeting, make closing comments, and adjourn the meeting.

3. Summary of Proceedings

- **Opening Remarks:** Jim Leno moderated the meeting and opened the meeting by reading the Warning and Notice of Hearing.
- **Questions from Attendees:** The floor was opened to questions and comments at the Town Offices and then again on Texas Falls Road. Both members of the public who were personally present asked questions and provided comments.

4. Selectboard Findings

The Hancock Selectboard hereby makes the following findings:

Access to properties: The two members of the public in attendance were Brandon Johnson and John Cannon, both of whom utilize the proposed portion of Texas Falls Road to be discontinued to access their private properties through the Green Mountain National Forest. They both asked about continued use of this portion of the road to access their properties. Reference was made to a Vermont statute, which provides for persons whose sole access to their land via a town highway, to retain a private right-of-way upon discontinuance to access their lands. *See* 19 V.S.A. § 717(c).

Road Maintenance: The two members of the public both asked about who would provide future road maintenance and maintenance of the one bridge (B8) on the proposed discontinued portion of Texas Falls Road. They were informed, and the Selectboard hereby finds, that the portion of the road to be discontinued adjoins and is entirely located within the Green Mountain National Forest owned by the USFS and will become the property and responsibility of the Green Mountain National Forest upon discontinuance pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 775. Any continued maintenance and repairs of the discontinued section of T. H. #2 will be at the discretion of the United States Forest Service pursuant to its road and bridge maintenance program and federal statutes and regulations pertaining to use of USFS roads to access private lands.

Purpose of the Proposed Discontinuance: One member of the public asked why the Town was pursuing the discontinuance of the .6 mile portion of Texas Falls Road. They were informed, and the Selectboard hereby finds, that continued maintenance and repairs to this portion of the road would be exceedingly expensive and costly over time due to the age of the bridge, occasional use

of the road by heavy logging trucks, and periodic flood damage and that upon the return of ownership to the USFS, it will be better able to provide continued management, maintenance, and upkeep of the discontinued section of Texas Hill Road (T.H. #2) and the bridge located thereon.

Given that the road serves no full time residents, and that the two private landowners affected will continue to enjoy a right of way on the former roadway to their lands and seasonal structures, the Selectboard hereby finds that the right of way will be better maintained by the United States Forest Service under its existing access and road maintenance regulations and program that the USFS will have greater access to those resources after discontinuance to pay for the cost of needed infrastructure. The Selectboard further finds that the discontinued section of Texas Falls Road does not extend into an adjacent municipality and terminates within the Green Mountain National Forest.

5. Conclusion and Order

The interested party owners of land who use the proposed portion of Texas Falls Road to be discontinued expressed concerns regarding continued maintenance of the discontinued portion of T. H. #2 and the bridge located thereon but did not object to the discontinuance given the continued if not improved maintenance and upkeep of the discontinued section of T. H. #2 by the USFS. There are no year round residents of lands in private ownership that use the discontinued section for access.

All attendees acknowledged, and the Selectboard hereby finds, that there will be significant cost savings to be realized by the Town of Hancock and its citizens by discontinuing the .6 mile portion of Texas Falls Road and that the safety and welfare of the traveling public including the interested parties and those seeking access to public lands, will be better served under USFS management.

It is hereby ordered that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Hancock requires that a .6 mile portion of Texas Falls Road (T. H. #2) starting at the southerly boundary of the Green Mountain National Forest lands and its intersection with T. H. #2, located 0.30 miles north along Texas Falls Road from the intersection of VT Route 125 and Texas Falls Road, and ending at its terminus within the boundary of USFS lands be discontinued as follows:

That portion of Texas Falls Road (T. H. #2) starting at the boundary of its intersection with the Green Mountain National Forest which is located 0.30 miles north along T. H. #2 from its southerly intersection with VT Route 125 marked by two trees on either side of Town Highway #2 bearing red paint and a yellow metal tag marked "bearing trees" with GPS coordinates of 43.9327577N – 72.8997939. The entirety of Town Highway #2 from this starting point until its northern terminus within the Green Mountain National Forest comprised of approximately 0.6 miles is hereby discontinued.

These findings and order shall be recorded by the Town Clerk and served on all abutters and interested parties appearing at the hearing by Certified Mail, RRR.

Interested Person/Attendees:

Brandon Johnson – in-person

Linda Johnson – via video conferencing

Jaqueline (Jackie) Jacob – via video conferencing

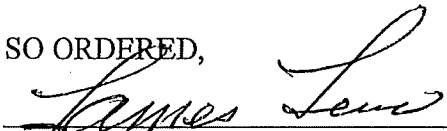
John Cannon - in-person

Hancock Selectboard Members:

Jim Leno

Dan Perera

SO ORDERED,



Hancock Selectboard Member, Jim Leno

10/07/2025
Date



Hancock Selectboard Member, Dan Perera

10/7/25
Date