

**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 SHOREHAM 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.**

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000				0.000
Class 1 Lane	0.000				
Class 2	11.500				0.000
Class 3	50.78				0.000
State Highway	16.319				0.000
Class 4	6.00				0.000
Legal Trail	0.00				
<b>Total</b>	<b>78.599</b>				<b>0.000</b>

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

**PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.**

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IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Check box and sign below.

**PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.**

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

*Paul S. [Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

*[Signature]*

Date Filed:

January 14, 2009

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]*  
Representative, Agency of Transportation  
Jonathan Cron

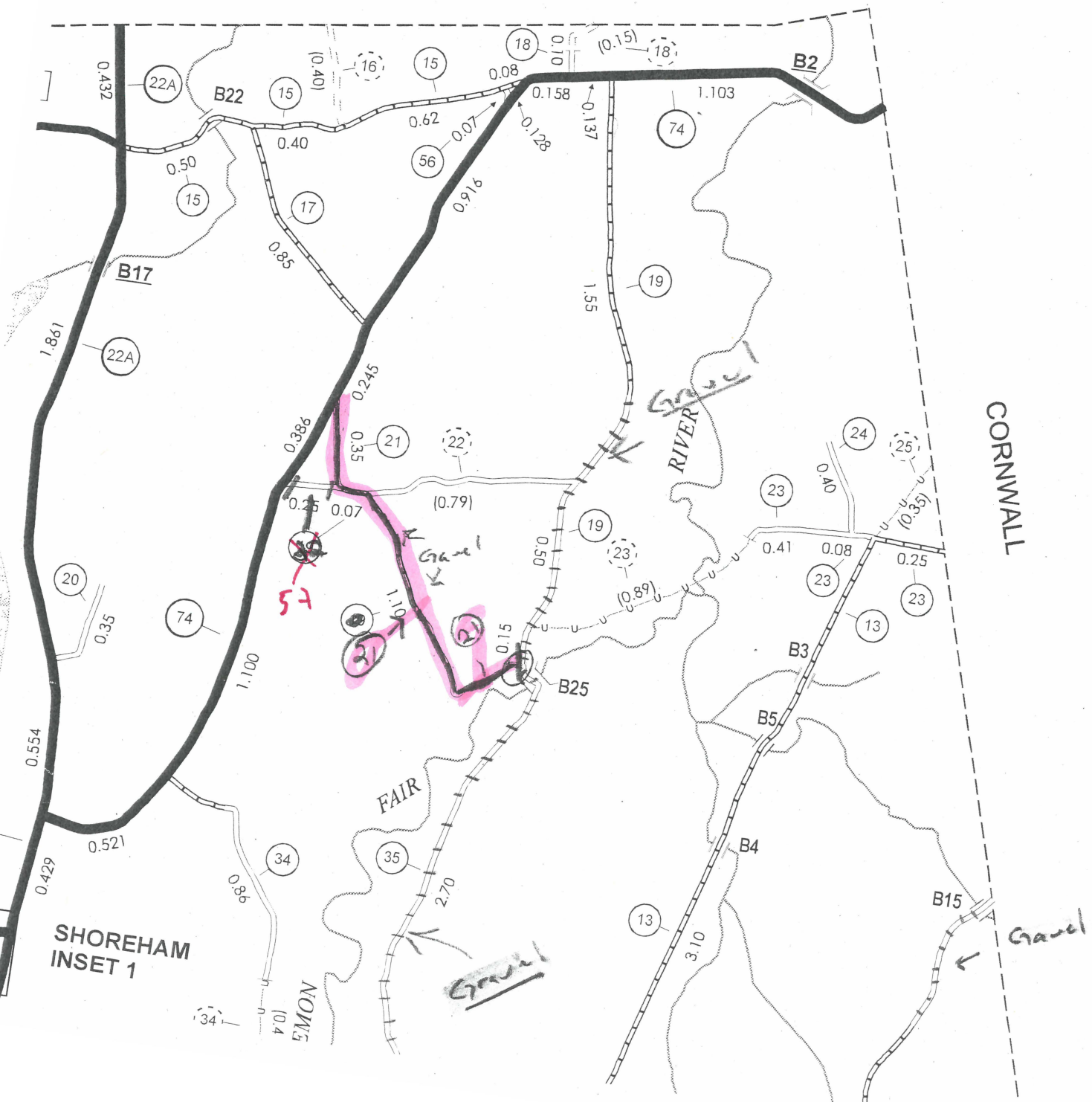
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Shoreham  
Oct 2008

Renumbering Request



State of Vermont  
Policy & Planning Division-Mapping Unit  
1 National Life Drive  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5001  
<http://www.aot.state.vt.us>

*Agency of Transportation*

Telephone: 802-828-2600  
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Email: [johnathan.croft@state.vt.us](mailto:johnathan.croft@state.vt.us)

December 1, 2008

Chair, Selectboard  
Shoreham, c/o Town Clerk  
297 Main Street  
Shoreham, VT 05770-9759

Dear Shoreham Selectboard,

Please find enclosed a copy of the 2008 **Certificate of Mass Discontinuance of Town Highways** for Shoreham that has been recorded by the Agency of Transportation – Mapping Unit.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments regarding the Mass Discontinuance Certificate, or mapping in general. I can be reached via telephone at (802) 828-2600 or via email at [johnathan.croft@state.vt.us](mailto:johnathan.croft@state.vt.us).

Sincerely,



Johnathan Croft  
AOT GIS Database Administrator

CERTIFICATE OF MASS DISCONTINUANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2009

District 5

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on an oath state that the mass discontinuance of highways not on the official town highway map was performed according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305 (h), as follows:

CHECKLIST

The public informational hearing was warned in two public locations in town plus the town clerk's office 30 days prior to the hearing. Yes (copy of warning attached)

The warning and a transmittal memo were mailed return receipt requested more than 30 days before the informational hearing to each of the following:

- the municipal planning commission Yes (copy attached) Not Applicable
the conservation commission in the municipality Yes (copy attached) Not Applicable
the legislative body of each abutting municipality Yes (copy attached)
the regional planning commission Yes (copy attached)
the commissioner of forest, parks and recreation Yes (copy attached)

The public informational hearing was held on the following date. October 1, 2008

The action was taken at a warned meeting. Yes (copy of warning attached) Agenda 10/8/2008 Selectboard meeting

Effective date of Mass Discontinuance of town highways not on the official town highway map (include a copy of the meeting minutes). October 8, 2008 - Selectboard Meeting, Agenda attached

SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectboard members/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

Handwritten signatures of selectboard members and trustees.

T/C/V Clerk Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date Filed: November 13, 2008

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF MASS DISCONTINUANCE

Vermont Agency of Transportation

Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

RECORDED BY: [Handwritten Signature] Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 11/18/2008 NOV 14 2008

Jonathan O'Neil

Policy & Planning



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Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

*[Handwritten signatures: Stephen Dees, Matthew Fisher, Rodney...]*

T/C/V Clerk Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

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RECORDED BY: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 11/16/2008 **NOV 14 2008**

*[Faint stamp: Jonathan Cross]*

Vermont  
Agency of Transportation  
Policy & Planning

**TOWN OF SHOREHAM  
297 MAIN STREET  
SHOREHAM, VERMONT 05770  
(802) 897-5841**

August 21, 2008

To:

Glenn Symon, Chair  
Shoreham Planning Commission

Steve Huestis, Chair  
Bridport Selectboard

Bob Gerlin, Chair  
Cornwall Selectboard

Ted Simmons, Chair  
Orwell Selectboard

Douglas Freegard, Chair  
Whiting Selectboard

Adam Lougee, Executive Director  
Addison Regional Planning Commission

Jonathan Wood, Commissioner  
VT Dept of Forest Parks & Recreation

From: The Shoreham Selectboard, Paul Saenger, Chair *PS*

Re: Discontinuance of Roads in Shoreham

Attached are the notice of public hearing, a copy of the most recent Vermont Agency of Transportation Map, and a Certificate of Highway Mileage.



# WARNING

## TOWN OF SHOREHAM NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

### On the Question of Whether to Discontinue Ancient Roads in the Town of Shoreham

The Shoreham Selectboard will hold a public hearing on Wednesday October 1, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Shoreham Elementary School gym.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss whether or not the Selectboard shall vote to discontinue the town's so-called "ancient roads." The Selectboard may vote to discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measurement of town highways filed with the town clerk on January 23, 2007. A copy of Vermont General Highway of the Town of Shoreham dated February 10, 2007 and a copy of the Certificate of Highway Mileage are attached hereto. The Selectboard will vote on the matter at its next scheduled meeting following this public hearing.

The hearing is held and notice given pursuant to 19 V.S.A. section 305(i).

Copy: Two Public Places

Town Office

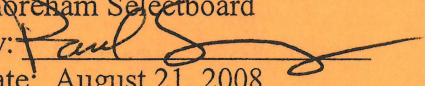
Chairs, Selectboards of Abutting Towns

Chair, Shoreham Planning Commission

Executive Director Addison Regional Planning Commission

Commissioner, VT Department of Forest Parks & Recreation

Shoreham Selectboard

By:  Paul

Date: August 21, 2008

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Handwritten signatures of selectmen/aldermen/trustees.

T/C/V Clerk Signature: Mary Jane James

Date Filed: 1-23-07

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

APPROVED: Representative, Agency of Transportation.

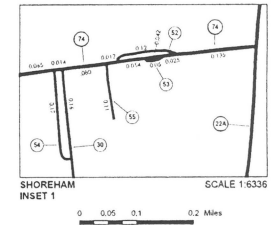
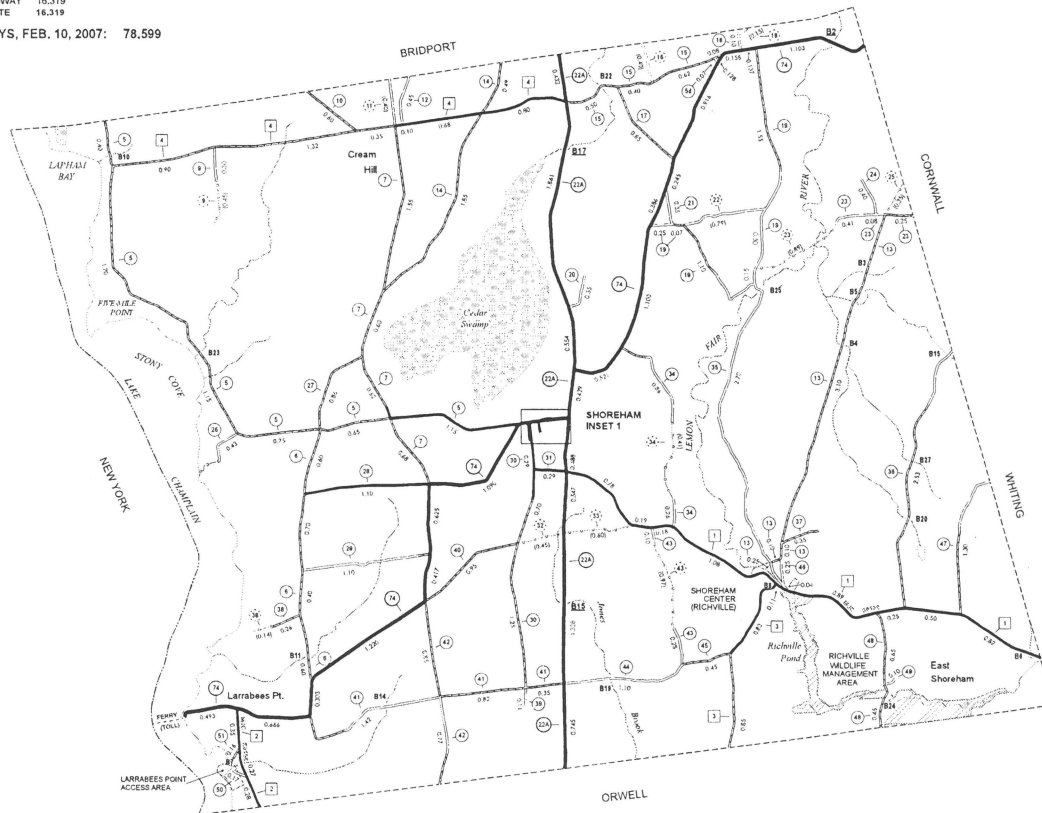
DATE: 4/10/2007



TOWN HWY. NO.	LENGTH IN MILES	CLASS
3		4
5	5.800	
6	2.300	
7	3.450	
9	0.300	(0.450)
10	0.600	
11		(0.400)
12	0.450	
13	3.590	
14	2.340	
15	1.500	
16		(0.400)
17	0.850	
18	0.100	(0.150)
19	3.620	
20	0.350	
21	0.350	
22		(0.790)
23	0.740	(0.890)
24	0.400	
25		(0.350)
26	0.430	
27	0.860	
28	1.100	
29	1.100	
30	2.400	
31	0.290	
32		(0.450)
33		(0.800)
34	1.120	(0.410)
35	2.700	
36	2.530	
37	0.350	
38	0.260	(0.140)
39	0.110	
40	0.950	
41	2.590	
42	1.620	
43	0.380	(0.970)
44	1.100	
45	0.450	
46	0.250	
47	1.300	
48	1.100	
49	0.100	
50	0.170	
51	0.160	
52	0.120	
53	0.050	
54	0.170	
55	0.110	
56	0.070	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50.780</b>	<b>6.000</b>

MILEAGE SUMMARY	
CLASS 2	
TH-1	4.800
TH-2	0.900
TH-3	1.650
TH-4	4.150
<b>TOTAL CLASS 2</b>	<b>11.500</b>
CLASS 3	
<b>TOTAL CLASS 3</b>	<b>50.780</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN</b>	<b>62.280</b>
STATE HIGHWAY	
VT-22A	6.384
VT-74	9.935
<b>TOTAL STATE HIGHWAY</b>	<b>16.319</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>16.319</b>

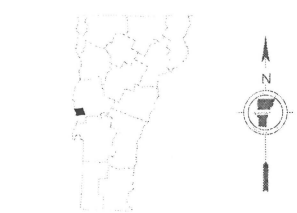
**TOTAL TRAVELED HIGHWAYS, FEB. 10, 2007: 78.599**  
(Excludes Class 4 Mileage)



- HIGHWAYS**
- INTERSTATE
- U.S. ROUTE
- STATE ROUTE
- CLASS 1
- CLASS 2
- CLASS 3
- CLASS 4
- LEGAL TRAIL
- INTERSTATE OR DIVIDED HIGHWAY
- STATE - HARD SURFACE OR PAVED
- TOWN - HARD SURFACE OR PAVED
- GRAVEL
- SOIL OR GRADED AND DRAINED EARTH UNIMPROVED OR PRIMITIVE
- IMPASSABLE OR UNTRAVELED
- LEGAL TRAIL
- DISCONTINUED
- HIGHWAY CLASS CHANGE
- RAILROAD
- FERRY
- PUBLIC LAND
- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
- STATE BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- URBAN COMPACT BOUNDARY
- WATER BODIES
- OPEN WATER
- SWAMP
- STREAM OR BROOK
- BRIDGE OR CULVERT
- BRIDGE OR CULVERT GREATER THAN 20'
- BRIDGE OR CULVERT 6' - 20'
- STATE BRIDGE IDENTIFIER
- TOWN BRIDGE IDENTIFIER
- FEDERAL CLASSIFICATION IDENTIFIER
- URBAN ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR
- MINOR ARTERIAL
- MAJOR COLLECTOR
- MINOR COLLECTOR
- PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL

**DISCLAIMER**  
The untraveled highways (laid-out town highways), discontinued highways, and legal trails shown hereon are those of which the Agency of Transportation has record; others may exist.  
Highway and bridge data by the Agency of Transportation, Policy & Planning Division. All other data from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

Vermont State Plane Coordinate System  
North American Datum of 1983  
SPCS\_Zone\_Identifier: 4400  
Geoid Reference System 80  
4,000-meter grid, Easting - Northing

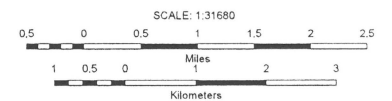


**VERMONT**  
**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP**  
**Town of Shoreham**  
ADDISON COUNTY

Transportation District #5

Prepared by the  
Vermont Agency of Transportation  
Policy & Planning Division  
in cooperation with  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration

Mileage as of Feb. 10, 2007  
Map generated: October, 2007





Approved: October 8, 2008

**Ancient Roads PublicHearing  
October 1, 2008  
7:00–7:25 p.m.**

**Present:** Paul Saenger, Steve Goodrich, Karen Shackett, Bob Warren  
**Guests:** Glenn Symon, Amy Douglas, Molly Francis, Dominic Francis, Ed James,  
Will Stevens, Nancy Audet, Doug Atwood, Steve Brilyea, Sue Brilyea, Phil Kivlin

**Call to order:**

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

**To hear concerns of residents of the Town of Shoreham regarding whether or not to discontinue ancient roads in the Town.**

Paul called the meeting to order and read the requirements to be met by any trail or road coming under the jurisdiction of tonight's meeting. In order to fall under the classification of "ancient road" to be considered for discontinuance at this meeting, "...all town highways that are:

- 1) not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail"
- 2) and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measurement of town highways filed with the town clerk." [ie: the official town highway map]

Thus, any class 4 or other trails or roads on the current highway map or evidenced by any discernible on-site markings, tree lines, etc do not come under consideration for discontinuance at this particular meeting.

Five possible consequences to consider regarding the discontinuing of roads:

- 1) We may give up something the Town, at some future date, would rather have kept
- 2) Reclaiming a discontinued road is very expensive
- 3) Discontinuing roads can make title searches much cleaner and easier, thus less expensive, quicker
- 4) If the road in question goes through a property, discontinuance removes some property rights issues
- 5) If not discontinued, such roads may make additional road-frontage available (though road must be upgraded to a specified level at owner's expense)

A letter from the Dept. of Forests and Parks was entered into the record. The written testimony contained no objections to the discontinuance of roads in Shoreham.

Several attendees sought clarification on which roads were under consideration for discontinuance; The two criteria as set out by the Legislature were reviewed. Most were concerned about use of class 4 or other commonly used trails which do not fall under the requirements for tonight's discussion.

Steve Brilyea—presented a map from 1857 ("HF Walling Map of Addison County") expressing his desire that nothing on that particular map be discontinued and that any decision be based on that map.

Ed—concerned that by discontinuing certain of our roads, we are losing part of our history and heritage. Many old roads are part of King's Highway or provided access to it.

Glenn—In the event the Board chooses to discontinue the ancient roads, are there not issues that will arise between those who do and those who do not wish a particular road discontinued?

Nancy—if one class 4 road is discontinued, then all should be, not just one or another.

Doug—is the decision under discussion tonight a blanket decision?

Paul—To reiterate and clarify—this meeting is to help determine how to dispose of roads we do not currently know about, roads that may have been laid out at some point but never built and so on.

- The majority of concerns voiced tonight appear to deal with class 4 roads and trails that have clear evidence of use, none of which fall under this hearing.
- As far as determining how much evidence of existence is needed, there is nothing defining how little or how much. Determining the bounds of undefined roads is not something for this meeting.
- It will be the courts' province to determine landowner disputes that may arise in the future over what parties claim is or is not a road.
- When the board makes its decision, it will be a blanket decision covering the disposition of roads and trail meeting the requirements as set out by the Legislature's regulations.

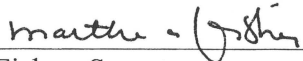
Glenn—personally, in favor of the board discontinuing the roads as charged in the regulations.

Steve—reiterates opinion that the above noted map of 1857 is a good place to start when looking at roads.

No additional comments or concerns voiced.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Conway  
Minute Taker

Signed:   
Marthe Fisher, Secretary  
Town of Shoreham Selectboard

SELECTBOARD MEETING 7:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY** TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
October 8, 2008

AGENDA:

1. Public Concerns, Announcements, Additions
2. Minutes
3. Roads
4. Buildings
5. Consideration of Discontinuance of Roads
6. Consideration of Polling Place Policy
7. Appoint a representative for mediation of a lawsuit
8. Consider request of George Gosselin to cut dead wood on town land
9. Recycling contract expires 12/31/08, discuss need to bid new contract
10. Selectboard Orders & Finance
11. Other Business

**Selectboard Meeting  
October 8, 2008  
7:00–8:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Paul Saenger, Steve Goodrich, Karen Shackett, Bob Warren, Barb Kivlin

**Absent:** Marthe Fisher

**Guests:** Lindsay Carl, Jean Whitaker, Sarah Partridge, Chris Murphy

**Call to order:**

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

**Announcements:** See agenda hand-out

**(1) Public Concerns:**

Lindsay Carl brought her concerns re schoolbus access on Shacksboro. She had been told by the school principal and schoolboard that Shacksboro has been classified by the Town as too dangerous for a schoolbus that they won't send a bus down a road that the SB and/or Road Commissioner indicate is unsafe. She questioned the board as to why it was considered to be too dangerous for the bus when it was not too dangerous for walking her youngsters down to Norris's, or for farm vehicles, trucks with loaded flatbeds, passenger vehicles, etc. She is very unhappy that her children must either walk to where the bus stops or be driven to school by her. She has negotiated with the school that the bus will pick up her children at the old Norris farm, which resolves her issues on that score. However, she wants to know when the road will be upgraded to be acceptable for schoolbus travel.

Board pointed out that:

- They do not control where the school buses go, that is a school board matter. They can only advise as to their opinion regarding road conditions.
- The section of Shacksboro involved is considered unsafe for a schoolbus, but not for farm/work/passenger vehicles because the size of the bus, coupled with its cargo of children, render it unsafe to back up the hill, and driving off the road into fields, should evasive action be necessary, is equally unsafe—farm vehicles, personal vehicles, and others, not carrying other people's children, do not face the same constraints.
- Three years ago, a survey was done by a professional firm hired to evaluate the roads in town and to provide an estimate of the cost to upgrade. Widening Shacksboro and making it suitable for schoolbus travel estimated to cost around \$1million. The results of the road evaluation were used to create a policy prioritizing the road work, and to create a 5-year plan for upgrading, and maintaining the roads. At end of the 5-year span, another evaluation will be made and another plan created. Roads not part of this initial plan continue to receive gravel, grading, and maintenance work as usual.

The road plan adopted calls for focusing on our best roads, to keep them from declining; then on the roads that are in decent condition, also to keep them from declining; and lastly on those that are the easiest to bring back into decent shape and upgrading them. This allows the town to get the greatest number of roads into the best shape, maximizing the road budget monies.

Shacksboro is not part of this initial 5-year plan and is not scheduled for upgrading at this time.

So far this year it has received 12 loads of gravel and was graded on 4/12, 6/28, and 8/1 (by special request), in line with grading done on other roads.

Lindsay requested a copy of this in writing.

**(2) Minutes :**

Steve MOVED, Karen SECONDED, to approve the **September 24 Liquor Control Board Minutes**. *Motion passed.*

Steve MOVED, Karen SECONDED, to approve the **September 24** Selectboard Minutes, with a typo correction in #3. *Motion passed.*

October 1 **Ancient Roads Hearing**—see #5

**(3) Roads:**

a) **Mowers** expected to arrive this week for the last road-side mowings; will be here 2 weeks. Hauling gravel and grading Dolittle all week, and other spot areas around town.

b) **FEMA** —anticipate receiving \$24,135 for damaged areas on Lake Street, Barnum Hill, and Lapham Bay

c) Request received for a “Caution: Horse” sign on School Street. Amy will explain the sign policy and suggest that the person purchase and install their own sign.

**(4) Buildings**—The clinic suffered another break-in, Jason fixed the window. One of the fire truck bay doors came off its track—the Town Office and/or Karen should be advised when such things occur to be sure repairs are done asap.

**(5) Discontinuance of Roads**—Steve MOVED, Karen SECONDED, to approve the **October 1 Minutes of the Ancient Roads Hearing**. *Motion passed.*

Discussion of hearing comments and action to be taken. Karen MOVED, Steve SECONDED, pursuant to VSA 305(h) that the town discontinue all town highways that are not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail and that are not included as such on the sworn certificate of the description and measure of town highways filed with the town clerk on February 10 of 2008. *Motion passed.*

**(6) Polling Place Policy**—SB reviewed wording from Town Clerk re a policy to be in effect at the polling place during elections. Bob MOVED, Steve SECONDED, to adopt the policy as written and on file at the Town office.

**(7) Mediation representative**—Karen MOVED, Bob SECONDED, that the board appoint Steve as the Town’s representative for mediation of the Grundler lawsuit. *Motion passed.*

**(8) Request by George Gosselin to Cut DeadWood on Town Lands**—Barb to check with VLTC re any issues with liability insurance.

**(9) Recycling Contract**—Tabled

**(10) Selectboard Orders**—signed

**(11) Other Business:**

a) **Green-Up Coordinator**—Heidi to be called to see if interested

b) **Street lights**—CVPS to be here Oct.10 to discuss energy efficient street lights



- c) **VTRANS**—Amy's letter to Dept. of Transportation resulted in removal of sign on 22A pointing to Shoreham Center on Richville
- d) **Halloween**—Barb reviewed PTF plans for a Halloween celebration focusing on activities centered on the Village area
- e) **Mic for Meetings**—Barb revisited the issue of a microphone for town meetings. People tend not to speak loudly, plus the ambient noise where meetings are held, make it desirable to have a decent mic at the meetings so all can be heard and to make it easier for minutes to be recorded. She will pursue, and get more info on option.
- f) **Special Selectboard Meeting**—Bob MOVED, Steve SECONDED, to set a special SB meeting for review of the By-Laws Hearing testimonies of October 3, and to consider the recycling contract which expires in December, for Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM.. *Motion passed.*

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Conway  
Minute Taker

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marthe Fisher, Secretary  
Town of Shoreham Selectboard

State of Vermont  
Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation  
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Waterbury, VT 05671-0601  
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Agency of Natural Resources

802.241.3693  
ANR Lands Division

September 17, 2008

Town of Shoreham Selectboard  
c/o Amy Douglas, Town Clerk  
297 Main Street  
Shoreham, Vermont 05770

Vermont  
Agency of Natural Resources  
SEP 19 2008  
Policy & Planning Division

Dear Board Members:

We are in receipt of the notice pursuant to the requirements of Title 19 V.S.A. that you propose to discontinue the town's so-called ancient roads in the Town of Shoreham. The Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation has reviewed the proposal and finds that this will not affect any existing trail corridors and therefore, has no objection to the proposed discontinuations. 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 to be of value to recreational users. Such existing rights-of-way can be valuable recreation resources for our growing population.

With the passage of H. 83 in the 1991 Legislature, the laws regarding Class 4 roads and trails give much more strength to towns in their ability to preserve these rights-of-way. Title 19 V.S.A. 711 states in part:

"...the selectmen may order that the petitioner bear the cost of upgrading a class 4 town highway to the class 3 town highway standards established in 19 V.S.A. 302(a) (3)(B). Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a town to maintain a class 4 highway or to upgrade a highway from class 4 to class 3."

Enclosed is a copy of the "Town Policy on Class 4 Roads and Trails," issued by the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council. In addition, you will find a copy of the Department's policy on road discontinuance. You may want to consider a similar policy in Shoreham. Having such a policy will help to ensure that you will not be required to maintain Class 4 roads or trails or upgrade them to Class 3.

This Department will not be represented at your meeting on October 1, 2008 but we ask that this letter and attachments be entered into the proceedings. We also request that local trail organizations such as snowmobile clubs be notified of the proposed discontinuance.

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

Sincerely yours,



Mike Fraysier  
ANR Lands Director

Enclosures

Cc: Trails Coordinator, VAST; FPR District Trails Coordinator, Bill Baron; Planning Office,

