

District 1
Certcode 0211-0

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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 SANDGATE in BENNINGTON 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	0.000
Class 2	7.580			7.580	0.000
Class 3	18.67	3.74		22.41	0.000
State Highway	0.000			0.000	0.000
Total	26.250			29.99	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000			0.000	
* Class 4	7.48		3.74	3.74	0.000
* Legal Trail	0.00			0.00	

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

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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)

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

95 miles of Chambers Rd, 2.79 miles of Tate Hill Rd reclassified from CL4 to Provisional CL3

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

Totals not CL3 or CL4 and note in description entered by P. DeAndrea, VTrans, 3/20/2026 per email correspondence with Town 3/19/2026.

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:

Joseph Nason *John Phelps*

Signature of T/C/V Clerk: *Jennica Lewis*

Date Filed: 3/12/26

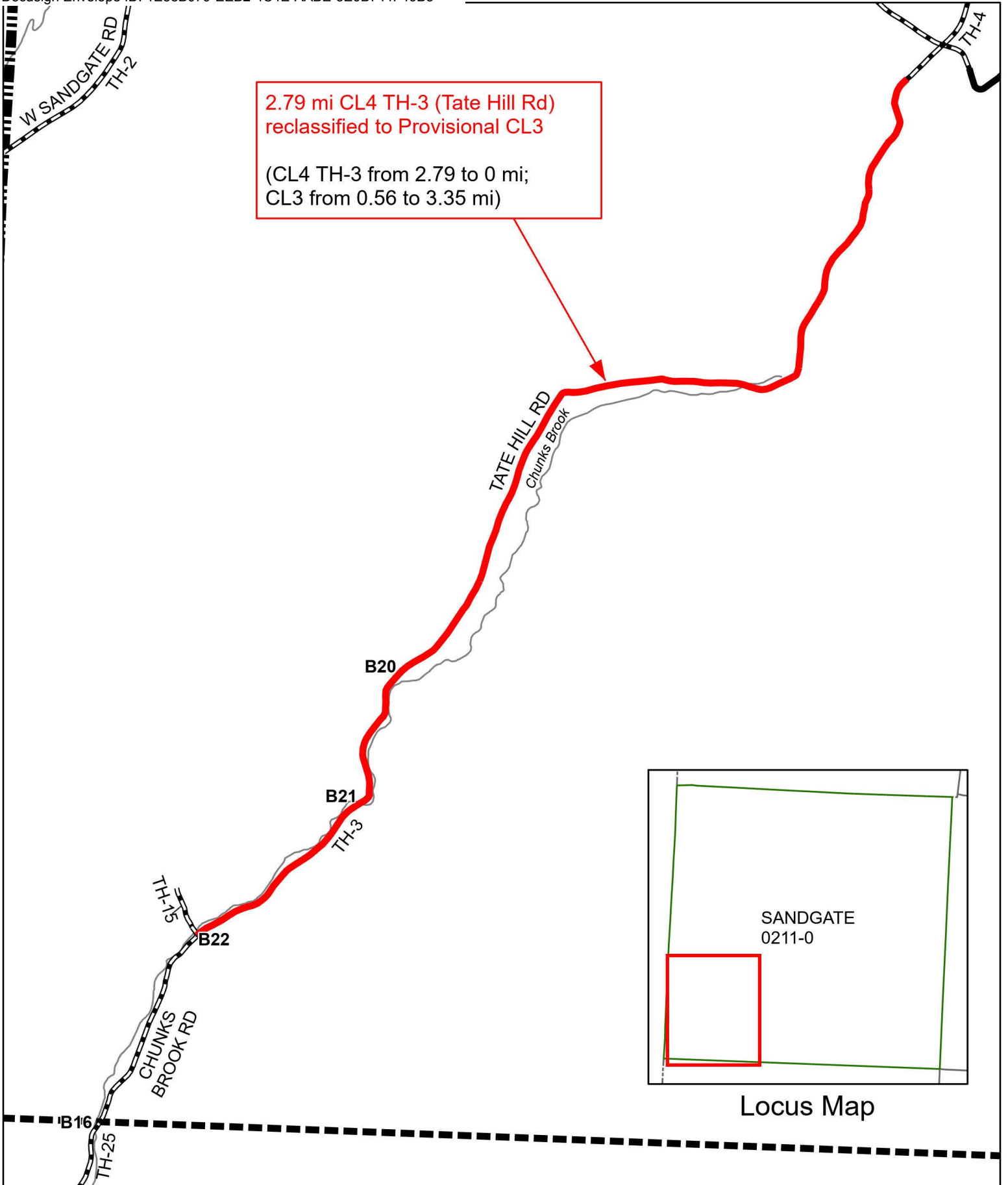
Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

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

APPROVED:

Johnathan Croft
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Representative, Agency of Transportation

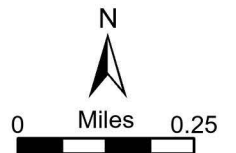
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Mileage Certificate Changes 2026
SANDGATE TH-3

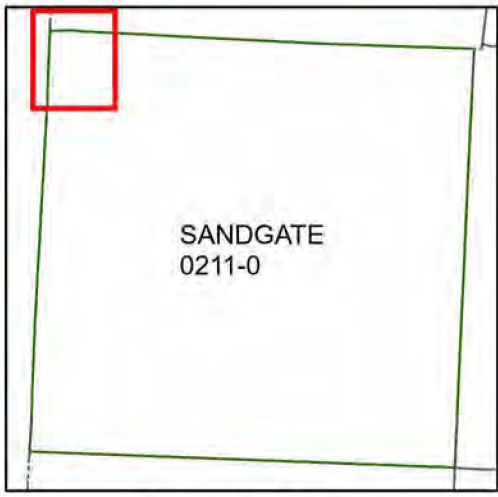
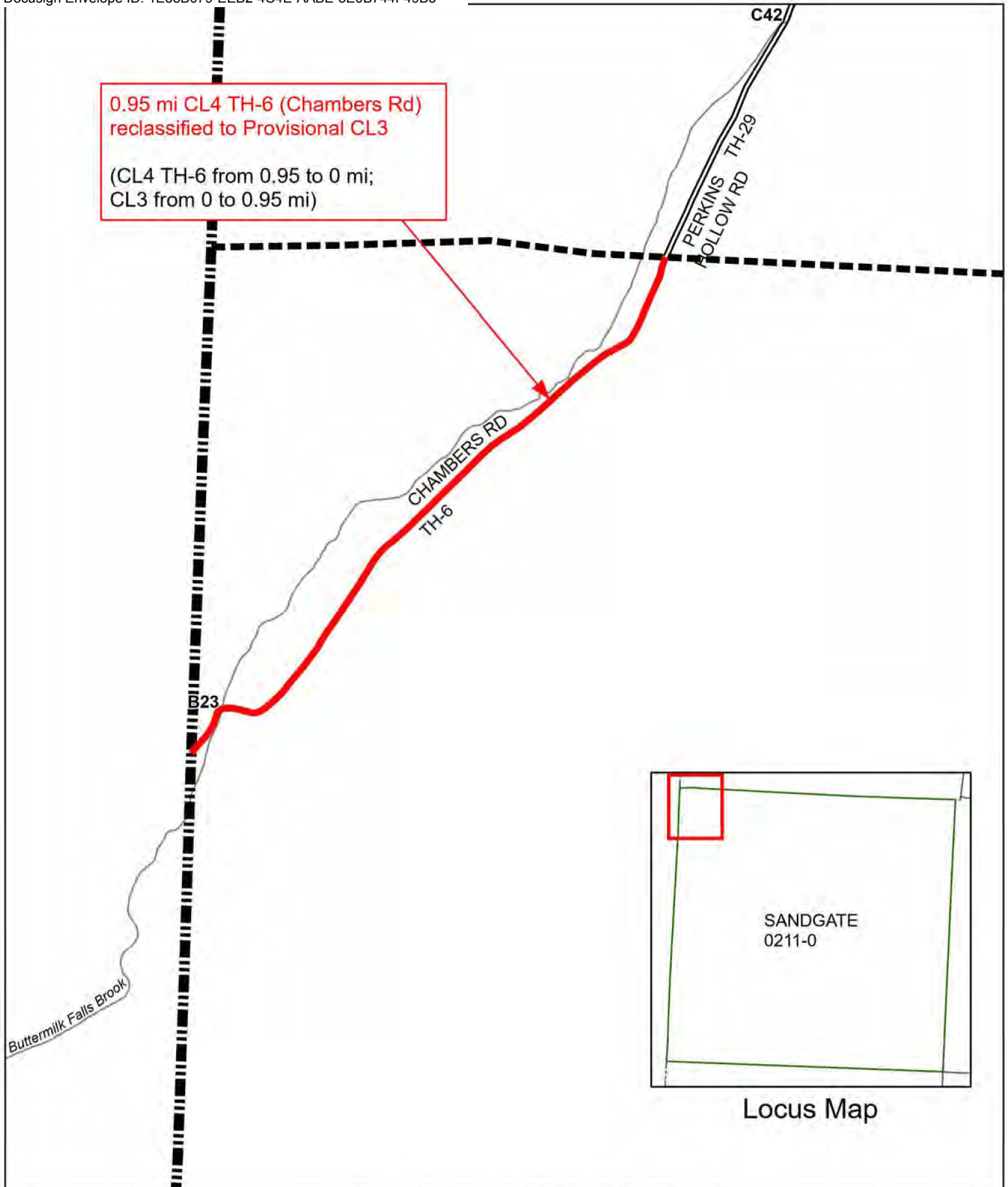
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Mapping Unit
Highway Division
Vermont Agency of Transportation -- March 25, 2026



0.95 mi CL4 TH-6 (Chambers Rd)
reclassified to Provisional CL3

(CL4 TH-6 from 0.95 to 0 mi;
CL3 from 0 to 0.95 mi)



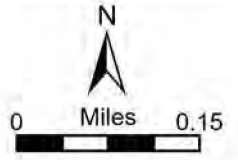
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SANDGATE TH-6

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Mapping Unit
Highway Division
Vermont Agency of Transportation -- March 20, 2026



Sandgate, Vermont Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2026 6 pm

Attendance: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Rob Viglas, Linda Schmidt, Jessica Pendleton
Also in attendance: Jean Eisenhart, Maggie Phelps, Elizabeth Daut, Jessica Lewis
Minute taker: Jessica Lewis

Called to Order at 6:05pm

Citizen Concerns

Elizabeth Daut would like to offer **free yoga classes to Town residents in Town Hall**, likely one evening a week. Jean Eisenhart speaks in favor of the yoga classes and would like to see them return. The Board agrees to allow Elizabeth to use Town Hall to facilitate the classes at no charge as she is not charging participants. Elizabeth has prepared a waiver of risk and liability for attendees to sign, and agrees to keep the space clean and maintained.

Joe received a phone call from Mike Merrow Saturday afternoon who was upset about Town water on his property. Joe told him the Town would contact the State engineers in Bennington to ask for technical assistance from a neutral third party to determine how best to proceed. They will come Monday 3/23 at 1pm to inspect the work that was done and decide what the best next steps will be. John, Linda, and Joe will be in attendance with the State for the evaluation.

Appointment of Town Auditors: Rob spoke to his neighbor Mark Neff who may be interested in becoming an auditor. Rob will direct him to contact Linda and/or Peter Markalunas to proceed.

Linda motions to **raise the pay for the Auditors** to the same rate as the Listers. Joe seconds; all in favor.

Remaining Concerns from Last Year:

Crown Maple contributions to road maintenance: we can ask again for this year and they may opt to contribute or not.

West Side Cemetery: A small load of fill could be put down to allow for one car to park and make it more accessible.

Rupert Road Message Board: Joe is willing to work on fixing the message board and restoring it back to working order.

March 16, 2026

Water at Town Hall: Town Hall is designated an emergency shelter but the water is not potable. Water tests continue to come back contaminated. Prior consultations have stated that the necessary type of filter would cost about 14k and would have to be paid by the Town as not enough grant funds are available for this. John suggests maybe there are less expensive options; The Town will look into getting a test from the State of Vermont and a more affordable filtration system from F.W. Webb. John will take the first steps toward getting the State water testing kit.

MERP: Tom Yandow will be in attendance at the April 6th meeting. He has sent over an RFP for the boiler replacement and a timeline for the project at the Town Garage to be approved by the Board. Linda will reply to Tom.

Town Laptop: The previous laptop remains unreturned. A new laptop will be purchased - Jessica will research and select a computer. The Board approves and agrees that this can be done prior to the next meeting.

Road Reclassification: The State has offered provisional reclassification of selected Class IV roads back to Class III if the Town would like to continue with reclassification and plans to go through the full process this year - photos will be required ASAP to show the roads meet Class III standards. The Board would like to proceed with the reclassification of Chambers Road and Tate Hill Road. Jessica will reach out to Jay to confirm he wants to go forward with reclassification and to request photo documentation.

Appointment of Town Officers: The Board will remain responsible for positions of Town Service Officer, Board of Health, and Emergency Coordinator.

Green-Up Day Coordinators will be Linda Schmidt and Julie Robertson.

Road Report: John inquires about the Notch and says something needs to be done sooner than later about the culvert.

Minutes from March 4 Meeting: Linda motions to pass, Rob seconds; all in favor.

One firm we approached about **RFP audit** has responded and has declined to submit a proposal.

Treasurer's Report: no comments or concerns

Joe motions to adjourn; Linda seconds

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

Next meeting April 6, 2026 at 6pm at Town Hall





DeAndrea, Pam

From: DeAndrea, Pam
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 10:33 AM
To: sandgatevermont@gmail.com
Cc: Croft, Johnathan; Taft, Christopher
Subject: RE: Sandgate Highway Certificate and reclassification docs

Ok thank you Jessica,

I will process these changes pending the photos/confirmation.

Best,

Pam

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Cc: Croft, Johnathan <Johnathan.Croft@vermont.gov>; Taft, Christopher <Christopher.Taft@vermont.gov>
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Hi Pam,

Thanks for all of your help (and patience) on this - the Board and Road Foreman would like to go ahead with the provisional reclassification of Tate Hill Rd and Chambers Rd, and I am just waiting on photos from the Road Foreman of those roads. I'll send them over as soon as I receive them.

kindly,

Jessica

On 3/12/2026 4:06 PM, DeAndrea, Pam wrote:

Thank you so much Jessica,

From the documentation you sent, it does not look like the Town followed the process for legally reclassifying roads. According to legislation, the process needs to be followed whether the class of the road used to be that class or not. The one exception that gets confused is those roads that are designated as Not up to Standards, or "NUTs". Roads that are NUTs are legally classified Class 3 roads that do not meet Class 3 standards and VTrans then designates them as NUTs and the mileage is counted with Class 4 mileage.

The process for reclassification is outlined in The Orange Book (https://vtrans.vermont.gov/sites/aot/files/documents/TheOrangeBook_1.pdf) and V.S.A 19 Chapter 7 (<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/19/007>).

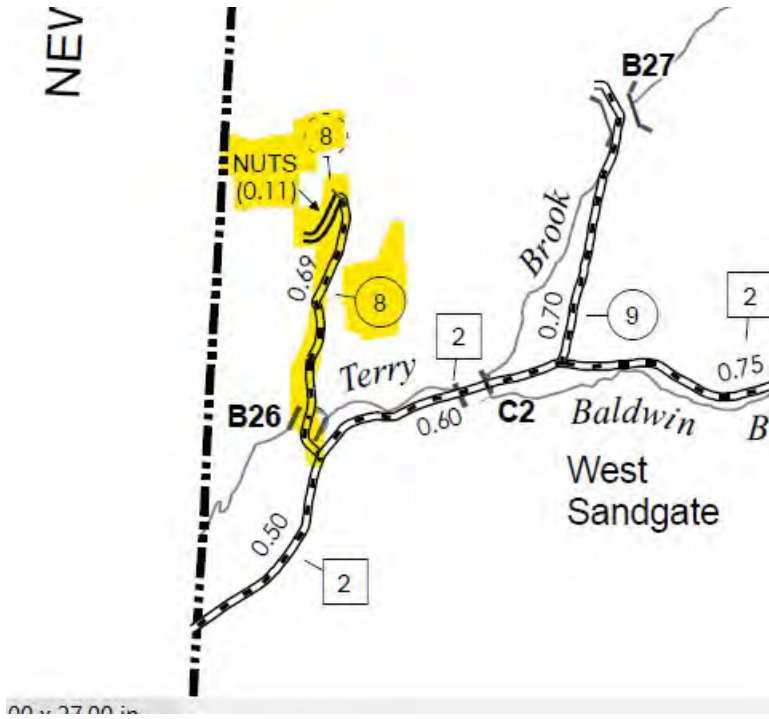
I have included below snippets from the Orange Book detailing the process and from the legislation detailing the definition of a Class 3 road, which includes a sentence stating the process to follow (see point B).

I spoke with my supervisor and providing we receive some clarification and photo documentation that the roads now meet Class 3 standards, we can make TH-6 (Chambers Rd) and TH-3 (Tate Hill Rd) "provisional" Class 3 roads with the understanding that the Town will go through the formal reclassification process with the public this year and send us the appropriate documentation that the process was followed. The mileage for these two roads will be counted as Class 3 mileage in this case.

Another caveat of these roads is that the reclassification for TH-6 (Chambers Rd) extends into Rupert. When a change in class occurs on a road that connects with roads in another Town, that adjacent town should be notified as well.

I also have questions regarding the map, the certificate, and the associated minutes:

1. The map highlights in yellow Class 4 TH-10 (West Rd) and both Class 3 and 4 portions of TH-17 (SE Corners Rd). I assume these other roads are highlighted for a different reason for the future since they are not included on the certificate.
2. There is no mention of Chambers Rd (TH-6) in the minutes. Based on the description on the certificate and the map, was the Selectboard referring to Chambers Rd when mentioning Campbell Rd? Campbell Rd is a different town highway (TH-8) and is already Class 3 as shown by its location on the Town Highway Map image below. FYI, 0.11 miles of TH-8 is designated as NUTs and would not have to go through a reclassification process to become Class 3 again. It would just need to be brought up to standards and VTrans provided with evidence that it meets those standards. When that upgrade occurs, you would want to note that on the mileage certificate so the Town could get Class 3 mileage credit.



Reclassification (Class 3 or Class 4 Town Highways):

The process for laying out, reclassifying, altering, or discontinuing a town highway is governed by 19 V.S.A. Chapter 7. This chapter provides detail on all the steps necessary to lay out, alter, or discontinue a highway. The procedure for changing the designation (reclassification) is governed by 19 V.S.A. § 708 and following sections, and is briefly outlined as follows:

1. Petition to the governing body, signed by at least 5 percent of the voters or received. The governing body may act on its own motion without a petition.
2. Hold hearing, giving 30 days' notice to petitioners and the town planning commission regarding the highway in question. Receive testimony from interested parties. Generally, the board should refrain from carrying on a discussion with the parties, except to clarify facts and issues.
3. Render a written decision, giving the public good, necessity and convenience of the proposed action proper consideration. The decision should set out the reason or logic behind the action. The action should occur at a duly called meeting of the governing body, and within 60 days of the hearing.
4. A person not satisfied with the decision may appeal to the district court (19 V.S.A. § 740) or the superior court (19 V.S.A. § 740).


The above procedure is generally the one used in any action, including:

1. Acceptance of a new highway
2. Reclassification
3. Discontinuance of highway

(A) Class 3 town highways are all traveled town highways other than class 3 selectmen, after conference with a representative of the Agency, shall determine class 3 town highways.

[Subdivision (a)(3)(A) effective April 1, 2026; see also subdivision (a)(3)(A) 2026 set out above.]

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 (B) The minimum standards for class 3 highways are a highway negotiable conditions all seasons of the year by a standard manufactured pleasure car. This sufficient surface and base, adequate drainage, and sufficient width capable to plow maintenance, except that based on safety considerations for the traveling public employees, the selectboard shall, by rule adopted under 24 V.S.A. chapter 59, a process for providing notice and hearing in section 709 of this title, have authority whether a class 3 highway, or section of highway, should be plowed and made negotiable winter. However, a property owner aggrieved by a decision of the selectboard may appeal to the Transportation Board pursuant to subdivision 5(d)(9) of this title.

(C) A highway not meeting these standards may be reclassified as a provisional highway if within five years of the determination it will meet all class 3 highway standards

I will give you a call on Monday to help walk you through this and get some clarification and what more we need to make TH-6 and TH-3 "Provisional" Class 3.

Best,

Pam

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Hi Pam,

I have attached here everything we have regarding the proposed reclassification of 3.74 miles of Sandgate roads from Class IV back to Class III. I attached all mentions and approvals from the time when this was moving through the Selectboard (primarily in 2024 and revisited this past year), and I've spoken with a board member who told me they were going to warn the site visit and proceed that way but she spoke to someone named Christopher Taft at the time who told her Board approval was the only requirement for reclassifying Class IV back to Class III, and therefore the site visit and notices to landowners likely did not occur at that time. The Road Foreman was also told that because it was going from IV back to III, only the Minutes stating the Board approval would be required. All that being said, everyone here in Sandgate understands that if we do not have everything we need at this time to reclassify, we will go ahead with it for next year and make sure to follow all required guidelines. In the event that this is not approved by your office, can you let me know what you'll need from me instead?

Thank you so much for working with us on this - the next one will definitely be less chaotic!

kindly,

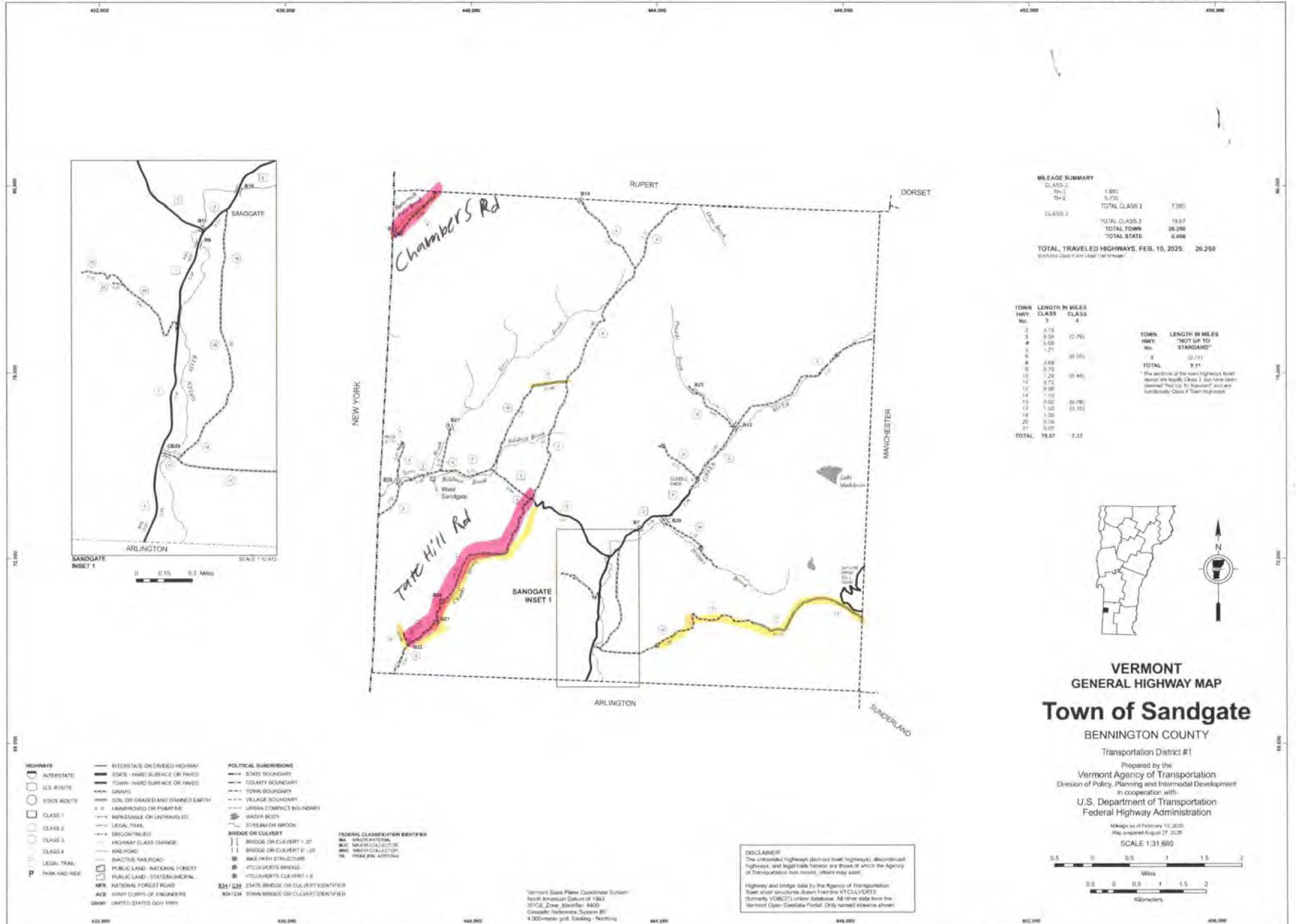
Jessica Lewis, Town Clerk & Treasurer

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OTHER BUSINESS: Linda says the new **animal-feed ordinance** has been posted online and on message boards around Town, and a copy is available in Town Hall. The ordinance will go into effect 60 days from its adoption date, which was April 15. Linda says all **tech hardware for Town Hall** has now been received, and a date for the necessary rewiring will be scheduled within the next week if possible. Linda asks about the next steps on **reclassification of Campbell Road**; Joe says a portion of **Tate Hill Road** should be reclassified at the same time. Linda will gather the documentation required by the state. Joe and Linda sign the adoption form for the revised **Local Emergency Management Plan** for 2024, which is now complete. The Board signs a revised resolution in support of local celebrations for the **250th anniversary of the state**.

The Board thanks everyone who helped on **Green-Up Day**.

Linda says the **May 20 Board meeting will include a presentation by Jim Henderson, the Conservation Fund, and others on the potential sale of Egg Mountain to the state**. This is a follow-up to the meeting that was held at Town Hall on November 16.

ROAD REPORT: Joe says the Road Crew has been hauling gravel and working on Beebe Hill. They will then move onto Wuerslin Road. Joe says it is time to give the Road Crew their semi-annual clothing allowance of \$400 per person.

SIGN ORDERS: The Board signs orders.

REVIEW OF APRIL 15 MINUTES: Linda makes a motion to approve the minutes; Karen seconds; all in favor.

ADJOURN: Karen makes a motion to adjourn; Linda seconds; all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:48.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY MAY 20 AT 6:00 IN SANDGATE TOWN HALL.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy and Linda Schmidt.

A complete recording is available by request at Sandgate Town Hall.

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Jim Henderson, Jay Wilson, Richard Zoppel. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

DRY HYDRANTS: Linda Schmidt says two trucks from the Arlington Fire Department will be in Sandgate the evening of Tuesday August 13 to begin back-flushing and testing all dry hydrants. There will be no charge to the Town. Jay Wilson says he will repair the hydrant at the Zoppels' pond, which was damaged by a fallen tree, so the FD can test that. Richard Zoppel notes that the unusual design of that hydrant was intentional, given the depth of the pond. The FD will gather information to be sent to Troy Dare of the Rural Fire Protection Task Force, and he will advise on repairs and redesigns. Linda will fill out the paperwork necessary to get his help.

ROAD RECLASSIFICATION: Richard says **Tate Hill Road** is in very bad shape. The Board discusses the process of changing this road from Class IV to Class III and decides to schedule a site visit for approximately 30 days hence. Sandy Reidy will post a public warning on this. Jim Henderson says there are approximately 13 culverts that need repair. Jay says the process of going from Class IV to Class III is simpler than doing the reverse, which, as Jim explains, the previous Selectboard did on Tate Hill Road because of the number of culverts. Joe Nolan says the Town will receive state funds to help with this work when the road reverts to Class III. Richard suggests making this road an official historic road.

ROAD REPORT: Jim says he and Jay have discussed the next two Grant-in-Aid projects. A Better Roads Grant already covers the lower part of **West Road**. Jim has scoped the northern part of West Road, which is an important bypass when there is road damage in the Notch.

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Elizabeth Daut, Jim Henderson, Sheila Kearns, Mike Miller. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL ENERGY RESILIENCE PROGRAM (MERP): Linda Schmidt says the results of the energy assessment of Town Hall and the Town Garage have been received, and they indicate a wide range of potential improvements, from changing light bulbs to installing solar panels. Sheila Kearns, who has guided the assessment so far, says MERP grant money available from Vermont's Buildings and General Services Fund would likely cover all the suggested improvements, with no match required by the Town. It would be up to the Selectboard to decide which improvements to make and not make. Linda says this would be a good time to consider replacing the aging heat and hot-water systems with something more efficient. Sheila, with help from Richard Zoppel, will complete the necessary application. It is likely the potential grant would also cover the cost of a project manager if one is needed.

UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MTAP): Linda says the water at Town Hall (already known to be non-potable) was tested on August 12 as part of the effort to better equip the building as a temporary emergency shelter. The water tested positive for E. coli and coliform, and the tester advised that it not be used even to wash hands. The tester also discovered the expansion tank is not working, which causes undue strain on the well pump. Full results of the water test and recommendations for a filter and repairs should be ready for the next Selectboard meeting, and with Board approval will be submitted for coverage under MTAP.

ROAD RECLASSIFICATION: Linda says she spoke with the Department of Transportation today and got confirmation that portions of roads can be changed from Class IV to Class III by a simple Board vote. The DOT will confirm one more detail on this process, and then the reclassification of portions of Tate Hill Road, Campbell Road, and West Road can move forward, as discussed in previous meetings.

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Jeanne Zoppel, Richard Zoppel. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

LISTER ERRORS, OMISSIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS: Jeanne Zoppel says the Carthusian monastery has asked for a tax-abatement hearing, as their power plant is no longer generating electricity. The Board agrees, and the Town Clerk will schedule a public hearing. Peter Peff's assessment will be lowered per the disabled veterans exemption. Finally, the Mangino property appeared twice on the grand list, and that has now been fixed.

LISTER RESIGNATION: Jeanne says she will not run for the Lister's office in 2025, so there will be a vacancy. She gives the Board an article explaining the Town's options: elect new Listers from the Town, or hire a professional assessor. The latter would significantly increase the annual cost to the Town, and important local knowledge and experience would be lost. A combined solution of local Listers and professional assessor could be considered. Anyone interested in the Lister position should contact Town Hall.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Richard Zoppel says John Grover complained to him recently that work was being done on Rupert Road with no signs posted. Joe Nolan says the Road Crew explained to John that the road was blocked briefly and would be passable again in five minutes. Joe says a road can be closed for twenty minutes with no signs posted.

LETTER REGARDING EGG MOUNTAIN: After the August 13 election, Jim Henderson sent a letter to the Board that will accompany the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation's application to the federal Forest Legacy Program for a grant to purchase the Egg Mountain property. The letter states the results of the Town's vote on Egg Mountain. The Board again discusses issues surrounding the purchase, and individual Selectmen's stances on signing the letter. Karen Tendrup, Linda Schmidt, and John Phelps sign the letter, which Sandy Reidy will return to Jim Henderson.

ROAD RECLASSIFICATION: Linda says that, per Department of Transportation regulations, the Board can simply vote to turn the end of Campbell Road from Class IV to Class III, and can vote to return portions of Tate Hill Road that in 2020 were turned from Class III to Class IV, back to Class III. All in favor.