

District 9
Certcode 1011-0

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2019 to:
Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section
One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the members of the legislative body of IRASBURG in ORLEANS 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 2	8.090				0.000
Class 3	27.44	1.15 f. miles		28.59 28.54	0.000
State Highway	20.924				0.000
Total	56.454			57.604	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000				
* Class 4	8.48		1.15	7.33	0.000
* Legal Trail	0.00				

* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total. Adjustments by S. Moulton 2019-3-23

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

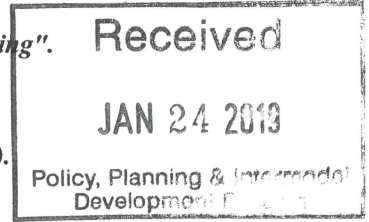
1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".

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

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

see attached
0.53 mi CL4 → CL3 TH-21 Guyette Rd
0.18 mi CL4 → CL3 TH-38 Alexander Rd
0.44 mi CL4 → CL3 TH-40 Sugarhouse Rd

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:

DAVID LAHAR
MARK COLLETTE

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

Danielle Chyalls

Date Filed:

01/22/19

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

DATE:

4/18/2019



State of Vermont
Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development - Mapping Section
1 National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05633-5001
<http://vtrans.vermont.gov>

Agency of Transportation

Telephone: 802-828-3666
Email: Kerry.Alley@vermont.gov

Chair, Selectboard
Irasburg, c/o Town Clerk
PO Box 51
Irasburg, VT 05845

January 2019

TO: TOWN / CITY / VILLAGE CLERK AND SELECTBOARD / ALDERMEN / TRUSTEES

Enclosed is your 2019 **Certificate of Highway Mileage**. This Certificate must be completed in order to determine your town's share of state aid for town highways for Fiscal Year 2020, and to ensure that your Town Highway Map remains current. Please note there will be no additional opportunities to submit town highway changes before the 2019 statutory deadline for mapping all Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 Town Highways and Legal Trails, as specified in 19 V.S.A. § 305(c).

Changes in mileage or highway classification, including any additions, alterations, or discontinuances made by your selectboard this past year, should be entered on this certificate. If there are changes that occurred before this past year that we have not shown on the Town Highway Map, please let us know so we can update our maps.

In filling out the Mileage Certificate, it is important to:

- >> Enter mileage and classification changes on PART I and PART II of the Certificate.
- >> Provide supporting documentation sufficient for the Mapping Section to:
 - Map the change
 - Verify the mileage
 - Demonstrate the change was made according to State statute
- >> If you have no changes, you may simply check the box in PART II of the Certificate.
- >> Always sign Part III - Town Clerk, Selectmen, etc.

Please refer to the enclosed instructions, checklist, and guidelines as needed. We have also included a reduced size copy of your current Town Highway Map and a Certificate of Completion and Opening should you need it to document new town roads. Additional information and copies of these enclosures can be found online: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps/mileage-certificates>.

To effectively process all the mileage certificates in a timely manner and to assure the completion of the mileage summaries, it is important that towns submit the certificates on time. **Certificates must be postmarked on or before February 20, 2019. Certificates that are postmarked after February 20, 2019 may not be processed.**

After the Agency has approved and signed the certificate, we will send you a copy. Please contact me if you have any questions.

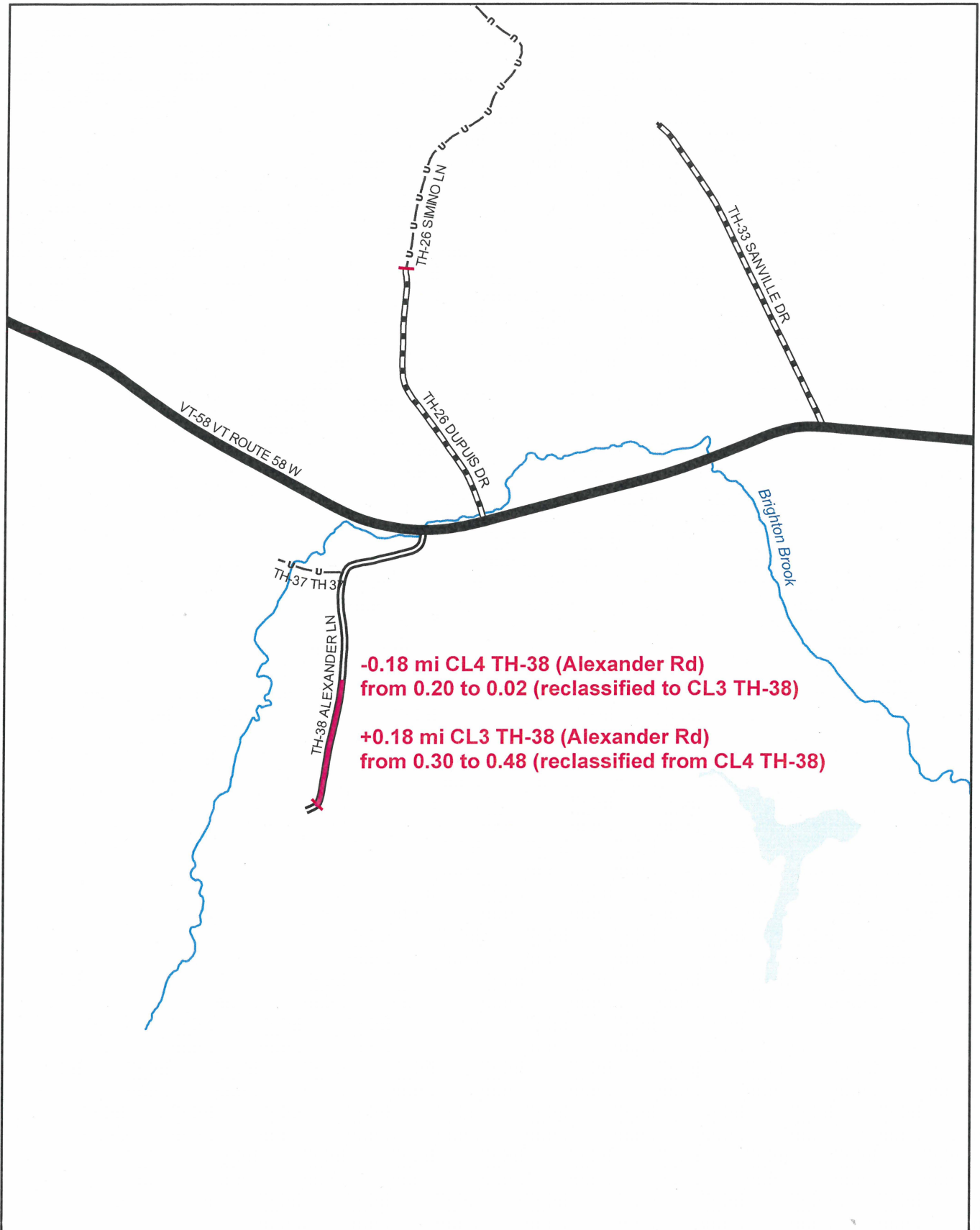
Sincerely,

Kerry Alley

Kerry Alley
Mileage Certificate Specialist

Enclosures

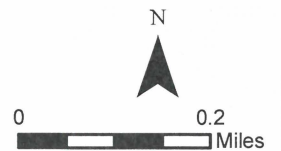


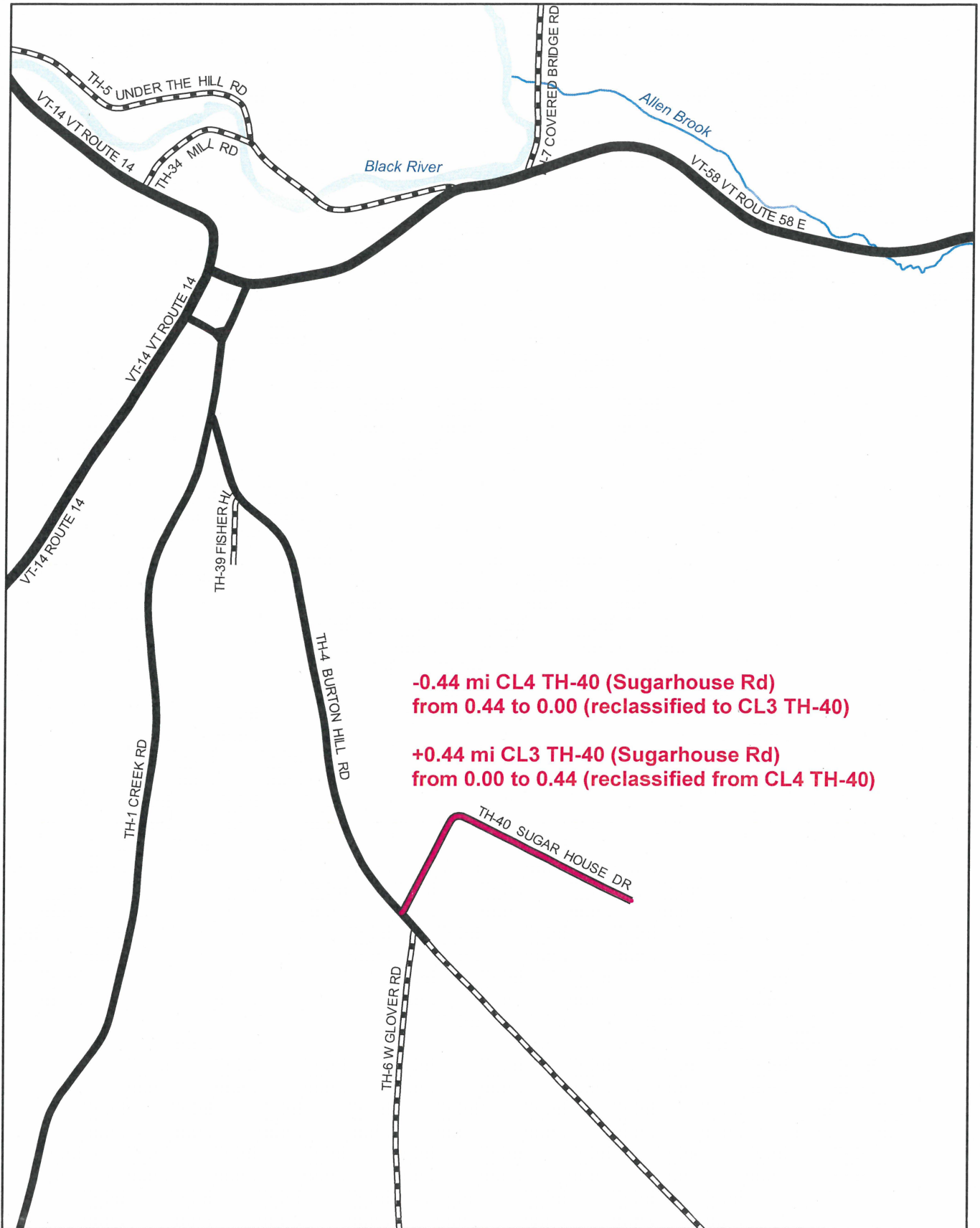


Mileage Certificate Change 2019
IRASBURG

(CTUA: 1101-0)

Mapping Section
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 Vermont Agency of Transportation - March 2019





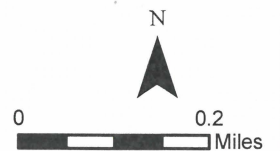
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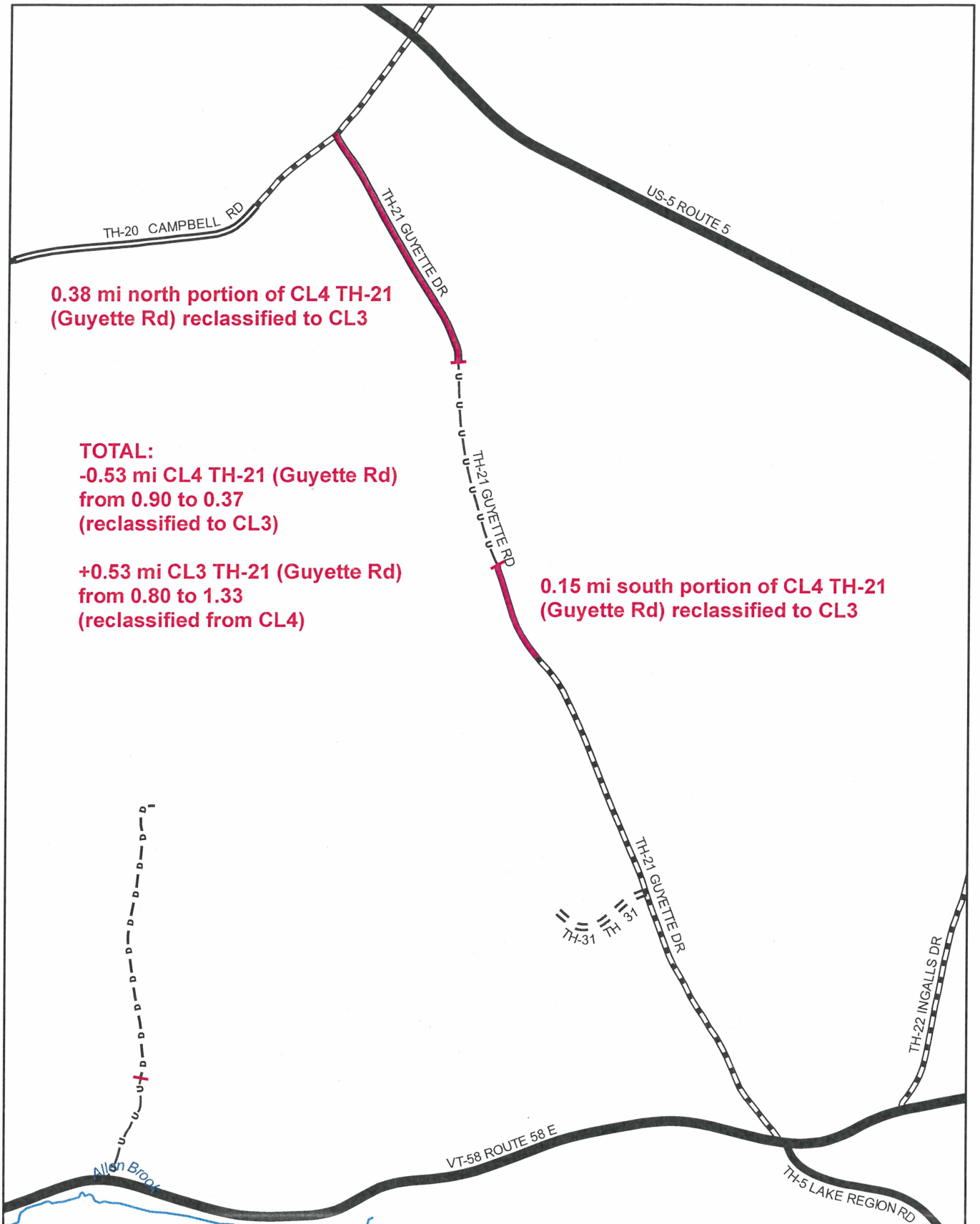
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0.38 mi north portion of CL4 TH-21 (Guyette Rd) reclassified to CL3

**TOTAL:
-0.53 mi CL4 TH-21 (Guyette Rd) from 0.90 to 0.37 (reclassified to CL3)**

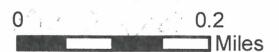
+0.53 mi CL3 TH-21 (Guyette Rd) from 0.80 to 1.33 (reclassified from CL4)

0.15 mi south portion of CL4 TH-21 (Guyette Rd) reclassified to CL3

**Mileage Certificate Change 2019
IRASBURG**

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Mapping Section
Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development
Vermont Agency of Transportation - March 2019



ORDER AND REPORT
OF SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF IRASBURG

Pursuant to V.S.A. Title 19; a public hearing was held on January 20, 2018 at 12:30 P.M. at the Irasburg Town Clerk's Office, and examination of the premises was held at the site, on that same date, beginning at 9:00 A.M. with regard to reclassifying Class IV Town Highway 40 (known as Sugarhouse Road), Class IV Town Highway 36, (known as Houston Heights) and that portion of Town Highway 38 (known as Alexander Road) that is currently Class IV.

Resolved that if the Selectboard determines that the public good, safety, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Irasburg requires that said highway be reclassified from Class IV to Class III, it will be so ordered.

Prior notice as required by law was duly provided by certified mail to all adjoining land owners, Doablepepe LLC; Shawn and Kelly O'Mera; David and Timothy McCoy; Michael and Donna Sanville; Eugene Webster III and Mark Webster; and John and Tammy Thibault, on December 22, 2017, and to the Irasburg Planning Commission on December 22, 2017, and was further provided by posting in the office of the Irasburg Town Clerk on December 27, 2017 and publication in the Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Irasburg on January 10, 2018.

As there are three separate roads that were all included in one petition, we will address each of the roads separately in this decision.

Town Highway 40 (known as Sugarhouse Road)

Testimony was presented by Eugene Webster, who owns property on both sides of this road. He testified that when he originally constructed the road it was built to Class III standards, and that the Town has been maintaining this road since that time (approximately 18 years). He testified that he is in favor of reclassifying the road as a Class III road. The road currently serves three property owners: Eugene Webster, who owns the fields on both sides of the road, Shawn O'Meara who owns a home on the road, and Mark and Eugene Webster who own a sugar house at the end of a private road that extends from Town Highway 40. It was also presented that in the past the road had been used by VELCO to access an off-road section of the adjacent transmission right of way for maintenance and repairs. Mr. Webster conveyed that, in his opinion, any upgrades needed should be at the expense of the Town and not the property owners.

Shawn O'Meara who owns a home located off of this road, submitted written testimony asking that the Town reclassify the road from a Class IV to a Class III. He advised the Town that he currently has tenants in the property and that it would be a significant burden to him and his tenants if the Town was to stop maintaining the road.

Testimony was presented by the Town of Irasburg Road Foreman, Chad Tollman. Mr. Tollman testified that he had met and reviewed the three roads with Shane Morin, District Project Manager, VTrans., District 9. At Sugarhouse RD, Mr. Morin suggested the following improvements would be needed for reclassification:

Resurfacing, where deficient, with 12" base and 3" gravel

Removal of construction materials and items in the ROW (before curve), some tree removal

Road widening and enlarged/improved plow turn-around

Ditching improvements (stone & check dams)

Resurvey

Justin Veysey testified regarding all three roads that he did not believe that the public good was served by reclassifying this road, as it only serves a few people, and the costs to improve it should not be the responsibility of the taxpayers of the Town, especially since this was in his opinion, essentially someone's driveway. Also relating to all three roads, Wanda and Doug Lanoue also advised the Board that the cost to upgrade the road should not fall to the taxpayers since it only benefits a few individuals.

The site inspection revealed that if Eugene Webster relocates the salvage materials and items he has stored next to the road (coming off Burton Hill RD, prior to the curve), that there is ample space for any required widening/ditch-work in that section, allowing municipal vehicles to pass. Some tree clearing in that section may also be needed. There is also enough space for a safe turn-around for municipal vehicles at the end of the Class IV road, which said road terminates at the approximate location of Mr. O'Meara's house. The road appeared to be in decent shape, and the board did not believe that many improvements would be necessary, given the amount of traffic, for the State to agree that the road was up to Class III standards. The Board generally concurred that the road meets the minimum standards described in "The Orange Book", Section 13, Class 3, pg 13-2.

We find that the road is in fair shape and that it is safe for municipal vehicles. We also find that the road currently serves at least three property owners, and that the property is close to the Town center (aka the 'Common'), and that it is possible that it will be developed in the future, so that more homes would be accessed by the road. We also find that there exist salvage material and supplies right next to the road that needs to be removed or moved back outside of the legal ROW. We find that the public good, necessity and convenience shall be best served by this road being reclassified to a Class III road, so long as the costs to reclassify the road are paid by the individuals presently served by the road, and not by the taxpayers as a whole.

It is the decision of the Town of Irasburg Selectboard that Town Highway 40 be reclassified from a Class IV road to a Class III road, so long as the materials (described above) are removed, and so long as it meets the Class III standards as required by the State of Vermont. If the State requires that any improvements be made to the road, the cost of said improvements would not be borne by the Town, but instead would be paid for by the Petitioners, or those interested in the road being reclassified, however they shall agree. The Town, however, is willing to work with the Petitioners and offer assistance, as the Board determines to be reasonable, in assisting the Petitioners in making the necessary improvements.

TOWN HIGHWAY 36 (known as Houston Heights)

Testimony was presented by David McCoy who owns property on this road. He testified that he is opposed to reclassifying the road as a Class III road. Although no other formal testimony was submitted, Eugene Webster, claiming to be speaking on behalf of Tammy and John Thibault, advised the board that they would like to see the road reclassified, but would not want to have the road width increased, nor would they be willing to pay to improve the road so that it was up to Class III standards. A similar message from Tammy Thibault was conveyed to the Board Chair by phone the day before the hearing. Mrs. Thibault was encouraged to submit written testimony. As this was hearsay, this testimony was not given much weight.

Testimony was presented by the Town of Irasburg Road Foreman, Chad Tollman based on his review of the road with Shane Morin. Mr. Tollman testified that the road was in need of significant repair before it would be near a Class III standard, and a permit would also be required from the State to reclassify the road "approach" from RT58, as a new curb cut would be required. Mr. Tollman explained that the road would have to be widened and raised approximately 2'. Other improvements needed according to Mr. Tollman included: enlarging the turn-around, clearing trees back from the ROW, adding signage, resurvey and some additional culverts added. The cost would be significant, up to \$80,000-\$100,000 according to Mr. Tollman.

Justin Veysey testified regarding all three roads that he did not believe that the public good was served by reclassifying this road, as it only serves a few people, and the costs to improve it should not be the responsibility of the taxpayers of the Town, especially since this was in his opinion, essentially someone's driveway. Also relating to all three roads, Wanda and Doug Lanoue also advised the Board that the cost to upgrade the road should not fall to the taxpayers since it only benefits a few individuals.

The site inspection revealed that the road needs significant improvements before it would be at Class III standards. The road presently serves one part-time residence, and passes through a field, so that John and Tammy Thibault own the property on both sides of the road. Improvements would likely require widening into the available ROW, and absorbing a portion of these fields, to build up the height of the road with adequate ditching. It was also noted that the road, being open and at the height of the land, is particularly expensive to maintain in the winter.

We find that the road is in poor shape and that it would involve significant cost, and a State permit to be brought up to Class III standards. We find that the public good, necessity and convenience is not served by reclassifying this road to a Class III road.

It is the decision of the Town of Irasburg Selectboard that Town Highway 36 remain a Class IV road, and not be reclassified as a Class III road, and shall not be maintained by the Town beyond Class 4

requirements per “The Orange Book”, Section 13, pg 13-2 and at “Class 4 Highways and Trails in Vermont”, pg 13-12. It is the decision of the Selectboard that the Town discontinue winter maintenance on this road.

Town Highway 38 (known as Alexander Road)

Testimony was presented by Michael Sanville, who owns property on the end of this road. He testified that the road was up to Class III standards, and that the Town has been maintaining this road for a number of years. He testified that the portion of the road that is currently Class IV is in the same or similar condition to the portion of the road that is currently Class III. Mr. Sanville testified that the road had originally been constructed in 1999 according to conditions from the then acting Selectboard with the understanding that the Town would maintain the road. Mr. Sanville’s written testimony expanded on a number of oral points including: honoring a prior Board’s commitment, the precedence of maintenance by the Town, comparison between Class 3 & Class 4 sections, First Responder access, delivery of health care services (both Mr. Sanville Mrs. Sanville are health care professionals) balancing the “needs of the one” and “the needs of the many”, public access, social fabric and common sense. He testified that he is in favor of reclassifying the road as a Class III road. The road currently serves five property owners, who have year-round residences on the road. Maurice Sanville also testified in favor of reclassification of the road.

Testimony was presented by the Town of Irasburg Road Foreman, Chad Tollman. Mr. Tollman testified that the road needed some improvements before it would be at Class III standards, but it is the Board’s understanding that the costs would be due to that portion of the current Class IV section that extends beyond the opening in the fence that the Sanville’s have erected. Mr. Tollman testified that a new turn-around would need to be created at the end of the Town RD (just before the existing fence).

Justin Veysey testified regarding all three roads that he did not believe that the public good was served by reclassifying this road, as it only serves a few people, and the costs to improve it should not be the responsibility of the taxpayers of the Town, especially since this was in his opinion, essentially someone’s driveway. Also relating to all three roads, Wanda and Doug Lanoue also advised the Board that the cost to upgrade the road should not fall to the taxpayers since it only benefits a few individuals.

The site inspection revealed that up until the opening in the fence, there is no discernable difference between the Class III and Class IV portions of the road. The safest spot for municipal vehicles to turn around is at a point located immediately northerly of the fence, this point is approximately .2 miles from the end of the current Class III section of Town Highway 38.

We find that the road is in fair, or better, condition and that it is safe for municipal vehicles. We also find that the road

serves multiple primary residences – with the Sanville’s happening to be located at the end. There is virtually no discernable difference between the Class 3 & Class 4 sections of the road. We find that it is safest for municipal vehicles if the road extends as a Class III road from the current Class III road, until that point just Northerly of the fence that the Sanville’s have erected, so long as there is a turn-around that is constructed for said municipal vehicles. We find that the portion of the Class IV road that extends Southerly of the fence is in worse shape, and would not improve safety for the municipal vehicles. We find the cost to the Town to reclassify this road to be minimal. We find that the public good, necessity and convenience shall be best served by the portion of this road located Northerly of the Sanville fence being reclassified to a Class III road, only so long as the costs to reclassify the road are paid by the individuals presently served by the road, and not by the taxpayers as a whole.

It is the decision of the Town of Irasburg Selectboard that the portion of Town Highway 38 laying Northerly of the fence that has been erected by the Sanvilles be reclassified from a Class IV road to a Class III road, so long as it meets the Class III standards as required by the State of Vermont, and so long as the Petitioners construct a sufficient turn-around for municipal vehicles. If the State requires that any improvements be made to the road, the cost of said improvements would not be borne by the Town, but instead would be paid for by the Petitioners, or those interested in the road being reclassified, however they shall agree. The Town, however, is willing to work with the Petitioners and offer assistance, as the Board determines to be reasonable, in assisting the Petitioners in making the necessary improvements. The Selectboard further decides that the portion of Town Highway 38 that extends Southerly of the fence erected by the Sanvilles shall remain a Class IV road, and shall not be maintained by the Town beyond Class 4 requirements per “The Orange Book”, Section 13, pg 13-2 and at “Class 4 Highways and Trails in Vermont”, pg 13-12 .

Dated at Irasburg, Vermont this 19 day of March, 2018.





Moulton, Sara

From: Moulton, Sara
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:54 AM
To: 'Chad Tollmann'
Subject: RE: Town of Irasburg road mileage

Thank you for following up on this. I would like to double-check that I have interpreted the changes for TH-38 Alexander Ln correctly, that the portion of Class 4 TH-38 that lies **northerly** of the fence is **0.18 miles** (this portion was reclassified to Class 3) and that the portion of Class 4 TH-38 that lies **southerly** of the fence is **0.02 miles** (this remains Class 4).

Below are my updated mileage amounts for the Mileage Certificate:

IRASBURG						
Summary of 2019 Mileage Certificate Changes						
3/7/2019		CLASS 3		CLASS 4		
		<i>add</i>	<i>subtract</i>	<i>add</i>	<i>subtract</i>	
TH-21	Guyette Rd (north)	0.38			-0.38	
TH-21	Guyette Rd (south)	0.15			-0.15	
TH-36	Houston Heights					no change
TH-38	Alexander Rd	0.18			-0.18	
TH-40	Sugarhouse Rd	0.44			-0.44	
	Total	1.15			-1.15	

Please let me know if my interpretation of things is correct. Thanks.

Sara Moulton, GISP | AOT GIS Professional III
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sara.moulton@vermont.gov
<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps>

From: Chad Tollmann <c.tollmann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Moulton, Sara <Sara.Moulton@vermont.gov>
Subject: Town of Irasburg road mileage

Dear Sara

I was just wondering if we are all set with our mileage I know you have sent some emails to the town concerning Alaxender lane so I was just wondering if that is all set.

Thank you for your time
Chad Tollman Road Formen
Town of Irasburg

Moulton, Sara

From: Moulton, Sara
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:42 PM
To: 'Town Clerk'
Cc: c.tollmann@yahoo.com; Russell Ingalls; Dave Lahar; Mark Collette; Mark Collette
Subject: RE: Irasburg 2019 Mileage Certificate Question
Attachments: Irasburg_Cert_2019_MileageAdjustment_v2.pdf

To: Danielle Ingalls, Irasburg Town Clerk

Please excuse a second email about the mileage calculations, but I think I made an error in the amount of mileage associated with the reclassification of TH-38 Alexander Ln in my original email.

According to my calculations, the part of Class 4 TH-38 that lies northerly of the fence is 0.18 miles and the portion southerly of the fence is 0.02 miles. Below are my updated mileage amounts.

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TH-40	Sugarhouse Rd	0.44			-0.44	
	Total	1.15			-1.15	

I would like to adjust the mileage certificate (see attached) with the updated mileage amount for TH-38 Alexander Ln. Please let me know if this is acceptable. I'm sorry for the inconvenience of this additional correction.

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<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps>

From: Town Clerk <irasburgtc@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 2:26 PM
To: Moulton, Sara <Sara.Moulton@vermont.gov>
Cc: c.tollmann@yahoo.com; Russell Ingalls <ringalls@ymail.com>; Dave Lahar <dlahar@vermontelectric.coop>; Mark Collette <66fl10051@gmail.com>; Mark Collette <selectmanmark@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Irasburg 2019 Mileage Certificate Question

Hello,

Yes your interpretation is correct.

Thank you for your help!

Danielle Ingalls

Irasburg Town Clerk/Treasurer

PO BOX 51

161 RT 58 East

Irasburg, Vt 05845

802-754-2242

On March 7, 2019 at 2:31 PM "Moulton, Sara" <Sara.Moulton@vermont.gov> wrote:

To Town Clerk and Selectboard Chair,

We have received Irasburg's 2019 Certificate of Highway Mileage and have a question about the amount of mileage associated with the changes recorded on the certificate.

Please review the attached two maps and let me know if I have interpreted the correct location and length of the Class 4 to Class 3 reclassifications on TH-21 Guyette Rd.

Also, please review my summary (below) of the mileage changes for all the reclassifications included on the certificate.

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TH-40	Sugarhouse Rd	0.44			-0.44	
	Total	1.17			-1.17	

Please let me know if my interpretations are correct. If they are, I could make the adjustments to the certificate as noted on the attached file (Irasburg_Cert_2019_MileageAdjustment.pdf).

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sara Moulton, GISP | AOT GIS Professional III

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sara.moulton@vermont.gov

<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps>

Moulton, Sara

From: Moulton, Sara
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:46 PM
To: 'irasburgtc@comcast.net'
Subject: 2019 Mileage Certificate Adjustment
Attachments: Irasburg_Cert_2019_MileageAdjustment_v2.pdf

I'm sorry for this second email, but I made an error with the amount of mileage associated with the reclassification of TH-38 Alexander Ln.

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Please review the attached certificate that includes the updated mileage amount for TH-38 Alexander Ln. I'm sorry for the inconvenience of this second email with an additional correction.

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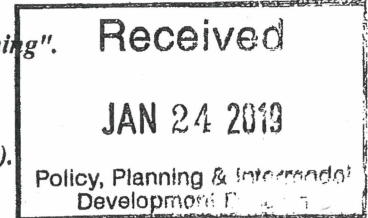
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DAVID LAHAR *[Signature]* 01/21/19
MARK COLLETTE *[Signature]* 01/21/19

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

[Signature]

Date Filed:

01/22/19

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APPROVED:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE:

Moulton, Sara

From: Town Clerk <irasburgtc@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 2:26 PM
To: Moulton, Sara
Cc: c.tollmann@yahoo.com; Russell Ingalls; Dave Lahar; Mark Collette; Mark Collette
Subject: Re: Irasburg 2019 Mileage Certificate Question

Hello,

Yes your interpretation is correct.

Thank you for your help!

Danielle Ingalls

Irasburg Town Clerk/Treasurer

PO BOX 51

161 RT 58 East

Irasburg, Vt 05845

802-754-2242

On March 7, 2019 at 2:31 PM "Moulton, Sara" <Sara.Moulton@vermont.gov> wrote:

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Also, please review my summary (below) of the mileage changes for all the reclassifications included on the certificate.

IRASBURG					
Summary of 2019 Mileage Certificate Changes					
3/7/2019					
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		<i>add</i>	<i>subtract</i>	<i>add</i>	<i>subtract</i>
TH-21	Guyette Rd (north)	0.38			-0.38
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TH-38	Alexander Rd	0.20			-0.20
TH-40	Sugarhouse Rd	0.44			-0.44
	Total	1.17			-1.17

Please let me know if my interpretations are correct. If they are, I could make the adjustments to the certificate as noted on the attached file (Irasburg_Cert_2019_MileageAdjustment.pdf).

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sara Moulton, GISP | AOT GIS Professional III

Vermont Agency of Transportation

1 National Life Drive | Montpelier, VT 05633-5001

sara.moulton@vermont.gov

<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps>

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From: Moulton, Sara
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:32 PM
To: 'irasburgtc@comcast.net'
Cc: Croft, Johnathan; Alley, Kerry
Subject: Irasburg 2019 Mileage Certificate Question
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District 9
Certcode 1011-0

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2019 to:
Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section
One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

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

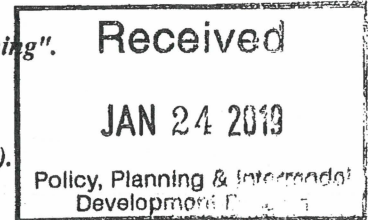
PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000				0.000
Class 2	8.090				0.000
Class 3	27.44	1.17 <i>to lanes</i>	28.61	28.54	0.000
State Highway	20.924				0.000
Total	56.454				0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000				
* Class 4	8.48		1.17	7.31	0.000
* Legal Trail	0.00				

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

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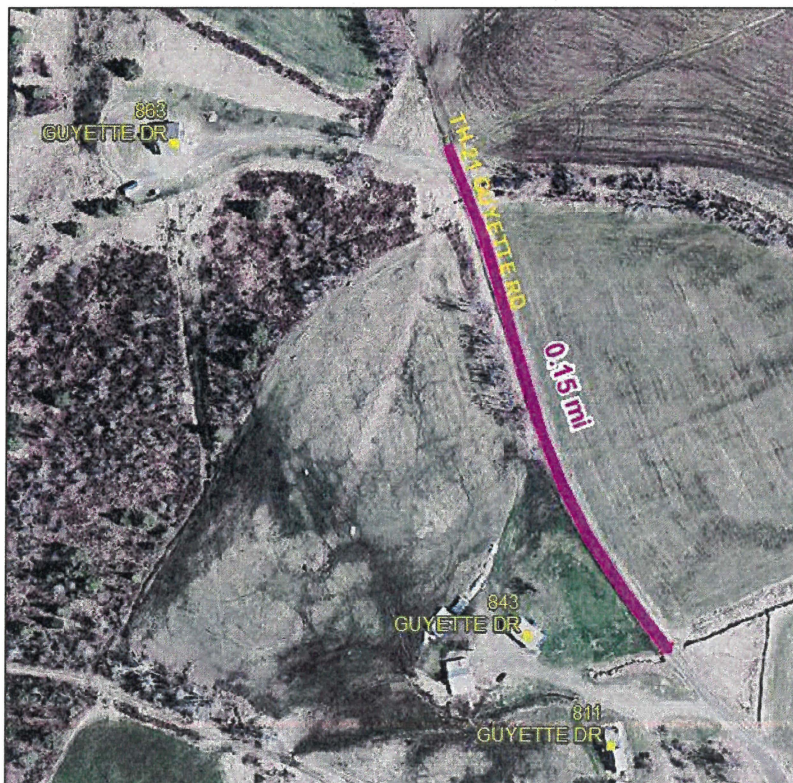
Representative, Agency of Transportation

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IRASBURG
2019 Mileage Certificate Question
2019-03-07



TH-21 Guyette Rd north



TH-21 Guyette Rd south

Vermont Agency of Transportation Guidelines - Certificate of Highway Mileage

These guidelines are intended to assist municipalities and insure the changes submitted on the mileage certificates are processed completely and without delay. The statutory definitions and processes related to Town Highways can be found in the Vermont Statutes Annotated (V.S.A.), Title 19 (Highways), Chapters 3 (Town Highways) and 7 – (Laying Out, Discontinuing, and Reclassifying Highways).

Certificate of Highway Mileage and the General Highway Maps

Each year, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Mapping Section processes the Certificate of Highway Mileage for each municipality and compiles the totals of State Highways, Class 1, 2, 3, and 4 Town Highways, and Legal Trails into a summary. The highway mileage information is used in the formula for the appropriation of State Aid for Town Highways. The Certificate of Highway Mileage and supporting documentation of changes also provides the VTrans Mapping Section with information to make the necessary changes to the General Highway Maps, also referred to as the Town Highway Maps.

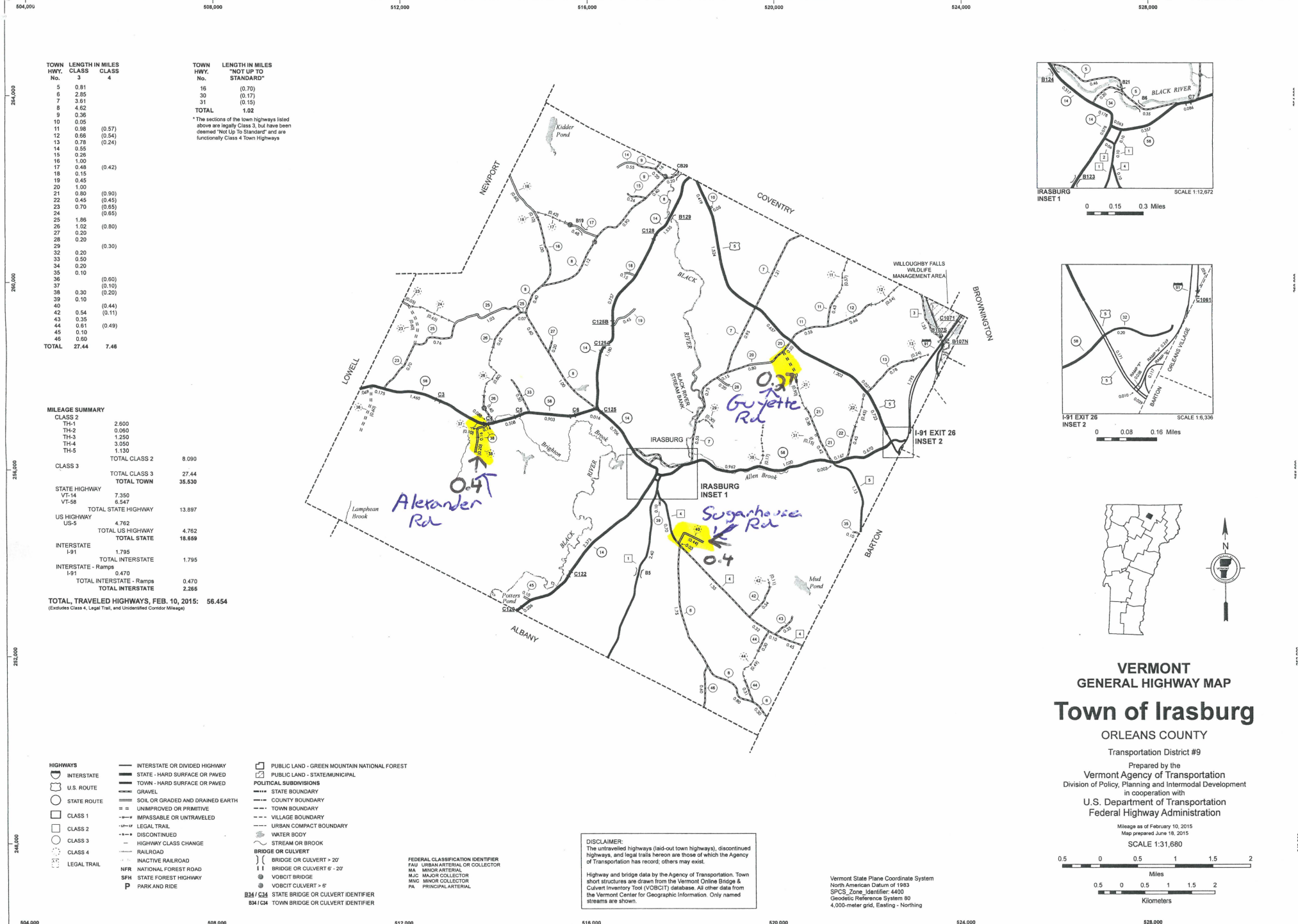
This process is defined in 19 V.S.A. § 305 (Measurement and Inspection):

(b) Annually, on or before February 10, the selectboard shall file with the town clerk a sworn statement of the description and measurements of all class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails then in existence, including any special designation such as a throughway or scenic highway. When class 1, 2, 3, or 4 town highways, trails, or unidentified corridors are accepted, discontinued, or reclassified, a copy of the proceedings shall be filed in the town clerk's office and a copy shall be forwarded to the agency.

Documentation of Legal Establishment

VTrans requires proper documentation that shows the legal establishment of town highways and trails before they may be added to the Town Highway Map. There has been a significant amount of case law following the passage of Act 178 of 2006 and Act 158 of 2008 that clarified the need for proper documentation showing legal establishment of highways through the statutory process or “dedication and acceptance”.

A defining case raising the bar on documentation is *Austin v. the Town of Middlesex*, 2009 VT 102, which dealt with a road that VTrans had been mapping as class 4 town highway for over 40 years. The Vermont Supreme Court determined the road was not a town highway, which resulted in VTrans' removing this road from the map. This case, as well as others, has prompted a higher requirement for documentation for highways and trails before they may be added to the town highway maps. Additional cases include the following Vermont Supreme Court Decisions – *Merritt v. Daiello* (2010) (entry order; three-justice panel) and *Kirkland v. Kolodziej*, 2015 VT 90. Also, there is the Washington Superior Court decision in *Virginia Houston and Jean Damon v. Town of Waitsfield* (2010). In summary, a town highway needs the appropriate level of documentation as



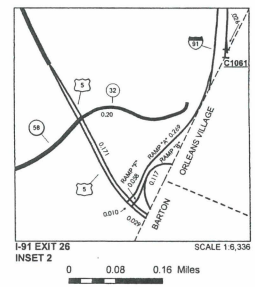
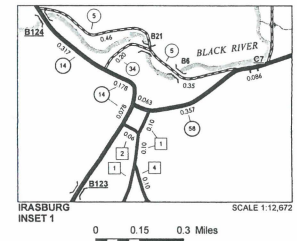
TOWN HWY. No.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 3	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 4
5	0.81	
6	2.85	
7	3.61	
8	4.82	
9	0.36	
10	0.05	
11	0.38 (0.57)	
12	0.66 (0.54)	
13	0.78 (0.24)	
14	0.55	
15	0.28	
16	1.00	
17	0.48 (0.42)	
18	0.15	
19	0.45	
20	1.00	
21	0.80 (0.50)	
22	0.45 (0.49)	
23	0.70 (0.65)	
24	0.65 (0.65)	
25	1.86	
26	1.02 (0.80)	
27	0.20	
28	0.20	
29		
32	0.20 (0.30)	
33	0.50	
34	0.20	
35	0.10	
36		(0.50)
37		(0.10)
38	0.30 (0.20)	
39	0.10	
40		(0.44)
42	0.54 (0.11)	
43	0.35	
44	0.61 (0.49)	
45	0.10	
46	0.60	
TOTAL	27.44	7.46

TOWN HWY. No.	LENGTH IN MILES "NOT UP TO STANDARD"
16	(0.70)
30	(0.17)
31	(0.15)
TOTAL	1.02

*The sections of the town highways listed above are legally Class 3, but have been deemed "Not Up To Standard" and are functionally Class 4 Town Highways

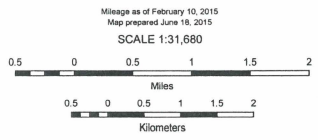
MILEAGE SUMMARY	
CLASS 2	2.600
TH-1	0.090
TH-2	0.090
TH-3	1.250
TH-4	3.050
TH-5	1.130
TOTAL CLASS 2	9.090
CLASS 3	27.44
TOTAL CLASS 3	27.44
TOTAL TOWN	36.530
STATE HIGHWAY	
VT-14	7.350
VT-58	6.547
TOTAL STATE HIGHWAY	13.897
US HIGHWAY	
US-5	4.762
TOTAL US HIGHWAY	4.762
TOTAL STATE	18.659
INTERSTATE	
I-91	1.795
TOTAL INTERSTATE	1.795
INTERSTATE - Ramps	
I-91	0.470
TOTAL INTERSTATE - Ramps	0.470
TOTAL INTERSTATE	2.265
TOTAL TRAVELED HIGHWAYS, FEB. 10, 2015:	56.454

(Excludes Class 4, Legal Trail, and Undersized Corridor Mileage)



VERMONT
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
Town of Irasburg
ORLEANS COUNTY

Transportation District #9
Prepared by the
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Federal Highway Administration



DISCLAIMER:
The untraveled highways (aid-out town highways), discontinued highways, and legal trails herein are those of which the Agency of Transportation has record; others may exist.

Highway and bridge data by the Agency of Transportation. Town short structures are drawn from the Vermont Online Bridge & Culvert Inventory Tool (VOBCIT) database. All other data from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information. Only named streams are shown.

Vermont State Plane Coordinate System
North American Datum of 1983
SPCS_Zone_Identifier: 4400
Geospatial Reference System 80
4,000-meter grid, Easting - Northing

ORDER AND REPORT
OF SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF IRASBURG

Pursuant to V.S.A. Title 19; a public hearing was held on May 11, 2018 at 5:45 P.M. at the Irasburg Town Clerk's Office, and examination of the premises was held at the site, on that same date, beginning at 5:30 P.M. with regard the matter of whether the Town of Irasburg shall reclassify that portion of Town Highway 21, Guyette Drive, so-called, that is currently a Class IV Town Highway to a Class III Town Highway.

Resolved that if the Selectboard determines that the public good, safety, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Irasburg requires that said highway be reclassified from Class IV to Class III, it will be so ordered.

Prior notice as required by law was duly provided by certified mail to all adjoining land owners, Jack & Jay Dudley, Robin Lowell, David Guyette, Joseph Royer, Ron Lanou, Greg Lefebvre and Ashley Claeys, Denis & Lori Royer, Robert and Janet Lawson, George & Christine Lawson, June Lussier, Michael Jr & Julie Labounty, Mandy Peters, David & Samantha Vallieres, Scott Curtis, Ira & Jaqueline Candiotti and to the Irasburg Planning Commission on April 10th, 2018, 2018, and was further provided by posting in the office of the Irasburg Town Clerk on April 10th, 2018 and publication in the Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Irasburg on April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th, 2018.

Town Highway 21 (known as Guyette RD)

The site inspection revealed the road to be in excellent condition, and the board did not believe that many improvements would be necessary, given the amount of traffic, for the State to agree that the road was up to Class III standards. The Board generally concurred that the road meets the minimum standards described in "The Orange Book", Section 13, Class 3, pg 13-2. The exception noted, was that the turnaround was inadequate, relying predominantly on the use of a driveway owned by Ron Lanoue.

Testimony was presented by Greg Lefebvre who resides at 916 Guyette DR. He testified that the road was up to Class III standards when it was originally constructed, and that the Town has been maintaining this road for approximately 16 years. Mr. Lefebvre said that the road had been deemed adequate and that the Town had signed off on it during a Selectboard Meeting. He spoke to a general issue of fairness that the Town should honor this agreement. Mr. Lefebvre explained that the Road serviced the public good through access, for things like EMT &

Fire/Rescue equipment. He noted that the road is used as a school bus turn around and for access to area farm land. He further commented that the road was used by 4-wheelers and the like connecting common corridors, that it was used for camp access (Campbell's) and seasonally by other hunters.

Mr. Lefebvre requested that the portions of the road currently classified Class IV be reclassified to Class III. He feels this is in the common interest/good of the town and was simply common sense. Mr. Lefebvre submitted his written comments, recorded as exhibit A-1. In addition to the above comments Mr. Lefebvre's letter points to varied use including recreational, farm and residential access. He also speculates that the road has viable building sites for future growth.

Ron Lanoue, who also resides on Guyette DR, said he was in agreement with the letter submitted by Greg Lefebvre.

Eugene Webster III said the road was passible by a pleasure car, meeting the [VTrans] criteria for Class III. He said he supported the reclassification, and suggested the Board consider reclassifying the class 4 section of Guyette Drive that is accessed from Route 58 East and runs from David Guyeets property to Joseph Royer's property.


Chad Tollman, the Irasburg Road Foreman spoke to the generally good condition of the road. He noted that the turnaround on the north end should be independent of Ron Lanoue's driveway, and instead be moved to the other (Cambell) side of the road.

We find that the road is in fair, or better, condition and that it is safe for municipal vehicles. We also find that the road serves multiple primary residences. We find the cost to the Town to reclassify this road to be minimal. We find that the public good, necessity and convenience shall be best served by reclassifying so long as the costs to reclassify the road are paid by the individuals presently served by the road, and not by the taxpayers as a whole.

It is the decision of the Town of Irasburg Selectboard that those portions of Town Highway 21 being approximately 0.3 miles on the north end (closest to TH20, Cooks RD), and approximately 0.1 miles additionally on the south end (closest to RTE 58/Lake Region RD) be reclassified from a Class IV road to a Class III road, so long as it meets the Class III standards as required by the State of Vermont, and so long as the Petitioners construct a sufficient turn-

around for municipal vehicles. We find that the public good is served so long as the road does not need to be improved with any Town funds to bring it up to Class III standards. If the State requires that any improvements be made to the road, the cost of said improvements would not be borne by the Town, but instead would be paid for by the Petitioners, or those interested in the road being reclassified, however they shall agree. The Town, however, is willing to work with the Petitioners and offer assistance, as the Board determines to be reasonable, in assisting the Petitioners in making the necessary improvements.

Dated at Irasburg, Vermont this 23rd day of July, 2018.

 07-23-18





Road Reclassification Hearing-Guyette Drive

May 11th, 2018

Present from the Board: Russ Ingalls, Dave Lahar, Mark Collette, Danielle Ingalls.

Present taxpayers/voters: Lori Royer, Eugene Webster III, Robin Lowell, Nicole Lowell, Greg Lefebvre, Ron Lanoue, Chad Tollmann.

The meeting was called to order at 5:55pm.

Dave Lahar informed those present that there was a site visit prior to opening of the hearing at 5:45pm at the site in question, most of those attending the hearing had also attended the site visit.

The hearing was called pursuant to a notice dated April 9th, 2018 for the purpose of receiving testimony and hearing all persons interested in the matter of whether the Town of Irasburg shall reclassify that portion of Town Highway 21, Guyette Drive, so called, that is currently a class IV Town Highway to a class III Town Highway.

It was noted that a copy of the notice was posted in the office of the Irasburg Town Clerk on April 10th, 2018, and a copy was also published in the Chronicle on April 25th, 2018, May 2nd, 2018 and May 9th, 2018. Notice was also sent by certified mail to all landowners on Guyette Drive on April 10th, 2018.

Those in attendance signed the sign in sheet and those wishing to give testimony signed an oath.

Dave Lahar also stated that the statute directs the Select Board to layout, reclassify, or discontinue a roadway if it determines that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality require that the highways be laid out, reclassified or discontinued. Dave Lahar explained the rules of an administrative proceeding and the outline for presenting testimony.

Greg Lefebvre, petitioner, speaking on behalf of himself and Ron Lanoue, presented written testimony that was read for those in attendance. The letter outlined 7 points in favor of reclassifying the Guyette Dr. These points were as listed below:

- **Legacy Selectboard Decisions-** Selectboard decided the Town would maintain this road if the road met the qualifications required by the Town.
- **Precedence was established and maintained-** The Town has maintained this portion of Guyette Drive without dispute or issues.
- **Consistency between class 3 and class 4-** There is virtually no distinction between these two sections.
- **First responder access-** We built our home with the premise that there would be open and unencumbered access for Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement to the property.
- **Public good/Public access-** Since this road was built hunters, farmers, registered ATV's, and many other vehicles have used Guyette Drive as an outlet to get to their destination.

- **Public good/common sense-** Guyette Drive is part of the historical perspective of the Town.
- **Request-** Therefore we respectfully request a favorable decision in the favor of those who live on Guyette Drive and to those who petitioned in our favor to reclassify our side of Guyette Drive to also be a Class 3 road.

This written testimony was filed and labeled. Dave Lahar asked how long the Town has maintained the Road. Greg Lefebvre and Ron Lanoue believed it has been maintained since 2002. Greg Lefebvre also informed the Board that the road is used as a turnaround for the school bus.

Lori Royer testified that the ATV club also uses the road as a connecting trail.

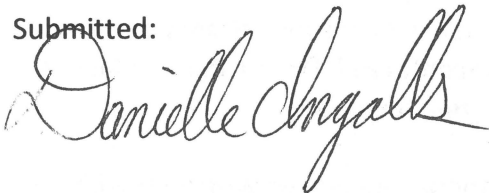
Eugene Webster stated that he agreed with everything stated by the petitioners. He suggested that the Selectboard consider reclassifying the section that was also updated in the early 2000's from David Guyette's property to Ron Royer's property on the side of Guyette Drive that is accessed from Rt. 58 East, and currently classified as class 4.

Chad Tollmann, Road Foreman of Irasburg, stated that he had not met with Shane Morin, a representative from VTRANS, on site but had met with Doug Morton, a representative from NVDA, while creating an inventory of connecting road segments. This road was not considered a hydrologically-connected road segment, and he considered it to be in good shape.

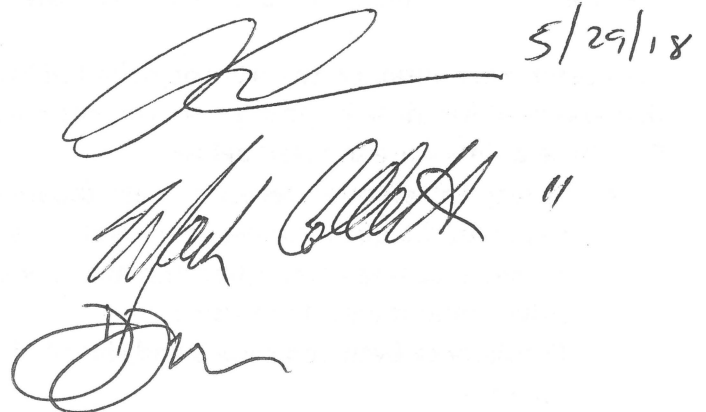
The Board clarified that upon adjournment they have 60 days to issue their written decision and would be officially in deliberative session until the decision is issued.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Submitted:



Approved:



Road Reclassification Hearing

January 20th, 2018

Present from the Board: Russ Ingalls, Dave Lahar.

Present taxpayers/voters: Chad Tollmann (road foreman), Danielle Ingalls, Dave McCoy, Eugene Webster III, Doug Lanou, Mark Webster, Michael Sanville, Joanne Sanville, Maurice Sanville, Shawn O'Meara, Lawrence Lanou, Wanda Lanou, Justin Veysey.

The meeting was called to order at 12:34pm.

The hearing was called pursuant to a notice dated December 21st, 2017 for the purpose of receiving testimony and hearing all persons interested in the matter of whether the Town of Irasburg shall reclassify as an Irasburg Town Highway any or all of the following roads from Class IV to Class III:

Sugarhouse RD (TH 40),

Houston Heights (TH 36),

The Class IV portion of Alexander Rd (TH 38)

It was noted that a copy of the notice was posted in the office of the Irasburg Town Clerk on December 27th, 2017, and a copy was also published in the Chronicle on January 10th, 2018.

Those in attendance signed the sign in sheet which indicated whether they will be presenting evidence or giving testimony.

Dave Lahar also stated that the statute directs the Select Board to layout, reclassify, or discontinue a roadway if it determines that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality require that the highways be laid out. Dave Lahar explained the rules of an administrative proceeding and the outline for presenting evidence.

Michael Sanville, petitioner for Alexander Lane, presented his evidence in favor of reclassifying from a class IV to a class III. He read a letter he had written which has been entered into evidence as petitioner-1. The Board asked questions about the exact location of change from class IV to class III. Chad gave testimony of what would be required to bring the road up to class III. He stated there would need to be a turnaround created at the end of the Town road, the road may need to be wider, possible need for additional culverts, the road needs to be built up with standard 12" base and 3" gravel, possibly some ditching, the road would also need to be resurveyed.

Dave McCoy, property owner on Houston Heights, voiced concerns about not upgrading the road and he felt it would be exorbitant amounts of money to bring it up to class 3 standards. Chad gave a testimony with concerns including the approach which would have to be re-permitted and widened and possibly a new culvert or even completely relocated, it would have

to be resurfaced the entire length of the road about 12" base and 3" gravel but would also have to be raised about 2feet to be level with the field, the turnaround needs to be widened, trees need to be cut, the road needs to be resurveyed, there needs to be signage installed, as well as some cross culverts. Chad gave a ballpark figure of \$80,000 to \$100,000 to upgrade the road. Dave McCoy reiterated that he did not want to see the road reclassified and would not pay any expense to do so. Eugene Webster claiming to be speaking on behalf of John & Tammy Thibeault who could not attend, and stated that their position was they would like to see the road reclassified, but would not be willing to loose any more field to do so and would not fund any upgrades.

Eugene Webster, petitioner, gave a verbal testimony on the history of the creation and reclassification of Sugarhouse Drive. Eugene claimed that in 1999 the Select Board promised that if he made certain upgrades to the road the Town would maintain it, which has been done. He first received a letter in 2015 to state that the Town would no longer be maintaining class 4 roads, but the Town continued to maintain it until the recent letter sent by the Board this fall. Eugene felt that because the road had been maintained in the past the Town should continue to do so by reclassifying the road to a class 3. Shawn O'Meara gave written testimony marked as P-2. Chad said the road would need to be resurfaced with 12" base and 3" gravel, widened, and a turnaround created, Eugene's stuff would have to be removed from the town right of way, and trees would have to be removed, the ditches would have to be redone with stone and check damns, possible additional culverts, and resurveyed. Dave asked if there was a problem with the approach, there is not. Culverts would need to be a minimum of 18". Eugene stated that he felt the Town should foot the bill for the upgrades since the roads had been maintained in the past and had promised 17 years ago to reclassify. Russ and Dave Lahar said the proper procedure was not followed and there is no documentation to show any agreements. The Board members voiced concerns about burdening the taxpayers of the Town to upgrade these roads. Eugene also said he felt that the requirements Chad has given in a testimony would call into question some of the current class 3 roads. It was explained that because the roads would be considered a new road they would have to meet the new requirements.

Justin Veysey, spoke on the general public good and the costs and necessity of the Town as a whole. Stating that it would not be fair to the other taxpayers of the Town to take on the cost of maintaining these roads that service only one house when many other residents have to maintain their "driveways." Wanda and Doug Lanou also spoke to the fact that the cost to upgrade should not fall on the Town of Irasburg and the cost to maintain these roads in the future may not be practical or in the publics/taxpayers best interest in the future.

The Board clarified that the upon adjournment they have 60 days to issue their written decision and would be officially in deliberative session until the decision is issued.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.

Submitted:



Approved:



3-15-18