

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2003

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2003 to: VT Agency of Transportation, Technical Services Division, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633.

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We, the Selectmen or Aldermen or Trustees of POMFRET

in WINDSOR

County

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Title 19, V.S.A, Sec #305, added 1985, is as follows

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

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000			0.000	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000			0.000	
Class 2	14.730			14.730	0.000
Class 3	47.250			47.250	0.000
State Highway	1.383			1.383	0.000
* Class 4	6.720		0.11	6.61	0.000
Total	63.363			63.363	0.000

* Class 1 Lane Mileage and Class 4 is NOT included in total.

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

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

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

Town Road # 12 .04 of a mile Class 4 road
" " # 27 .07 " " " " " "

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

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

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

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

James M. Havill
Miller C. Beckett
Robert S. Harrington

Clerk Signature:

Hazel B. Harrington

Date Filed:

2/5/03

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

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

APPROVED:

Michael Elmy
Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE:

2/18/03.

*TOWN OF POMFRET
P.O. Box 286
North Pomfret, VT 05053*

Subject: Reasons for Discontinuing or Keeping Town Highways and Trails as discussed at Public Hearing held April 17, 2002.

Town Highway #27, .07 miles off Barber Hill serving Susan Cross's residence.

Recommendation: discontinue.

Reasons:

- 1. This is a dead end spur that has not been used by the public for many decades.**
- 2. It serves only one or possibly two homes.**
- 3. To the best of our knowledge there are no lands beyond this road that would be landlocked.**
- 4. In our opinion, the road is of no future use to the town of Pomfret.**
- 5. The landowners would rather see it as a private road per telephone conversation with Susan Cross.**

Town Highway #12, .04 miles serving Carver residence off Howe Hill Road.

Recommendations: discontinue.

Reasons:

- 1. The public has not used this road for many years (at least for 40 years).**
- 2. This road may have been a through trail many years ago (over 40) but does not show up on any map and is no longer a through trail.**
- 3. This road is of no significance to the town, and serves only one residence.**
- 4. To the best of our knowledge this road does not serve any other land or parcel that would become landlocked.**
- 5. The landowner, Mr. Carver, did not respond, but we can assume he has no problems with discontinuing this road.**

Town Highway #20 leading from Eric Smith's residence to Town Highway #6, Town Highway #19 leading from Grave Road to Town Highway #20, and Town Highway #6.

Recommendation: These roads should remain as legal trails and the map should be changed accordingly to show that they are in fact all legal trails. They should not be discontinued.

Reasons:

1. These trails are all through trails, connecting the ends of Town Highways #6, #19 and #20. These roads may be of use to the town in the future, depending upon demographic, recreational, and other development changes that might occur.
2. Based on evidence at the hearing and as presented in writing, these trails have a history of being used by the public for recreational and minimal four-wheel drive motor vehicle use. Town controlled corridors will help to ensure that there will continue to be a place to enjoy such outdoor recreation activities. Trails also can serve as access for forest management, agricultural use, forest-fire fighting, and as important links to more developed trail systems.
3. The trails provide a link to the Appalachian Trail. We feel it is important to maintain access points along our trails and roads to the Appalachian Trail for many reasons. The primary reason being ease of emergency access to the trail should a medical, fire or other emergency occur on the Appalachian Trail and government land, which runs the entire length of the town of Pomfret. The town emergency services providers will be responsible for responding to emergencies that may occur along the Appalachian Trail network and other government lands in Pomfret.
4. These trails appear to be well laid out and constructed taking contour and drainage into consideration as they were built.
5. The town is not liable for injuries or damages resulting from the use of legal trails.

Other Recommendations:

1. The trails should not be blocked off by use of gravel, logs, or any other barrier that hinders use of the trails for non-motorized recreational purposes or that is a detriment or danger to the public using the trails.
2. These trails, like all trails, should be inspected once a year by the road commissioner to make sure they are maintained and passable for recreational use.
3. The Selectmen also recommend that the trails be posted with signs stating "this is a trail only, no motorized vehicles beyond this point."

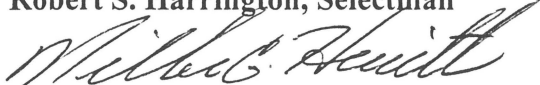
Respectfully submitted,



James M. Havill, Chair



Robert S. Harrington, Selectman



Miller Hewitt, Selectman

TOWN OF POMFRET

POMFRET, VERMONT

Proposed Discontinuance of Highways #12, #27, and a portion of # 19 and # 20.

Notices were sent to abutting landowners - March 13, 2002

Notices were posted and a copy sent to Gregory Tuthill - March 29, 2002

Planning Commission notified - March 29, 2002

Notice in "Vermont Standard" - April 4, 2002

Site visits by Selectmen and others - April 6, 2002

Hearing was held at Town Hall - April 17, 2002

Decision was signed by James Havill and Robert Harrington - June 5, 2002

Decision was signed by Miller Hewitt - June 19, 2002

Attest:

Rozel B. Harrington

Town Clerk