

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2010

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2010 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Planning, Outreach and Community Affairs, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633.

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

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Table with 6 columns: Town Highways, Previous Mileage, Added Mileage, Subtracted Mileage, Total, Scenic Highways. Rows include Class 1, Class 1 Lane, Class 2, Class 3, State Highway, Class 4, Legal Trail, and 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". ADDING TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON TOWN HIGHWAY MAP. SEE ATTACHED NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAPS. Changes not accepted S. Monlton 5/11/10
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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:

Handwritten signatures: Robert K. Allen, James Peplay, Gordon Eastman

T/C/V Clerk Signature:

Handwritten signature: Amy Harkins (ast)

Date Filed:

Handwritten date: 2/8/10

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

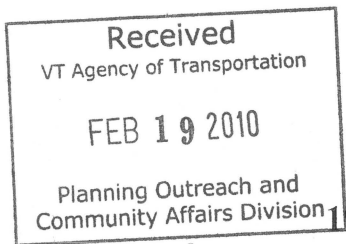
AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

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

APPROVED:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE:



## Vermont Statutes Annotated

### 19 V.S.A. § 305. Measurement and inspection

#### § 305. Measurement and inspection

- (a) After reasonable notice to the selectboard, a representative of the agency may measure and inspect the class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each town to verify the accuracy of the records on file with the agency. Upon request, the selectboard or their designee shall be permitted to accompany the representative of the agency during the measurement and inspection. The agency shall notify the town when any highway, or portion of a highway, does not meet the standards for its assigned class. If the town fails, within one year, to restore the highway or portion of the highway to the accepted standard, or to reclassify, or to discontinue, or develop an acceptable schedule for restoring to the accepted standards, the agency for purposes of apportionment under section 306 of this title shall deduct the affected mileage from that assigned to the town for the particular class of the road in question.
- (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.
- (c) All class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways and trails shall appear on the town highway maps by July 1, 2015.
- (d) At least 45 days prior to first including a town highway or trail that is not clearly observable by physical evidence of its use as a highway or trail and that is legally established prior to February 10, 2006 in the sworn statement required under subsection (b) of this section, the legislative body of the municipality shall provide written notice and an opportunity to be heard at a duly warned meeting of the legislative body to persons owning lands through which a highway or trail passes or abuts.
- (e) The agency shall not accept any change in mileage until the records required to be filed in the town clerk's office by this section are received by the agency. A request by a municipality to the agency for a change in mileage shall include a description of the affected highway or trail, a copy of any surveys of the affected highway or trail, minutes of meetings at which the legislative body took action with respect to the changes, and a current town highway map with the requested deletions and additions sketched on it. A survey shall not be required for class 4 town highways that are legally established prior to February 10, 2006. All records filed with the agency are subject to verification in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.
- (f) The selectboard of any town who are aggrieved by a finding of the agency concerning the measurement, description or classification of a town highway may appeal to the transportation board by filing a notice of appeal with the executive secretary of the transportation board.
- (g) The agency shall provide each town with a map of all of the highways in that town together with the mileage of each class 1, 2, 3, and 4 highway, as well as each trail, and such other information as the agency deems appropriate.

Excerpt of 19 V.S.A. § 305 - *Measurement and inspection* from Vermont Statutes Online located at – <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=19&Chapter=003&Section=00305>

12/29/2009



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

*Agency of Transportation*

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May 24, 2010

Robert Allen, Selectboard Chair  
Town of Reading, c/o Town Clerk  
PO Box 72  
Reading, VT 05062

Dear Mr. Allen,

The VTrans Mapping Unit has not accepted the addition of 4.0 miles of class 4 town highways as submitted on Reading's 2010 Certificate of Highway Mileage, due to the lack of documentation showing the legal establishment of these highways through the formal laying out process or "dedication and acceptance".

VTrans sent a letter on March 9, 2010 to the Town of Reading requesting documentation regarding the establishment of these highways and no documents have been received to date. The Vermont Supreme Court decision, *Austin v. Town of Middlesex*, 2009 VT 102 (Oct. 27, 2009) has reaffirmed the need for documentation showing the legal establishment of town highways. A copy of this decision can be found at the following link –

<http://info.libraries.vermont.gov/supct/current/eo2008-428.html>

The changes that were listed on the 2010 Certificate of Highway Mileage may be re-submitted on the 2011 Certificate for review and the potential inclusion on the 2011 Town Highway Map, provided the proper documentation is attached.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments related to this letter, or mapping in general.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnathan Croft", written over a horizontal line.

Johnathan Croft  
AOT GIS Database Administrator  
VTrans Mapping Unit

JFC/jfc

Enclosures

Cc: Susan Clark, VTrans Planning Coordinator

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March 9, 2010

Robert Allen, Selectboard Chair  
Town of Reading, c/o Town Clerk  
PO Box 72  
Reading, VT 05062

Dear Mr. Allen,

We received Reading's 2010 Certificate of Highway Mileage and request additional documentation regarding the legal trail additions. I have reviewed the submitted documentation regarding Dow Hill and Mount Moses Road, and request documentation to show the legal establishment of these trails.

Highways and trails may have established in several ways, including the formal layout process as defined in the statutes at the time or through "dedication and acceptance," where the landowner dedicates the land to town and the selectboard accepts the right of way for the highway or trail. We request any documents that provide evidence that the trail was legally established and remains a public right of way. This documentation may include copies of original surveys, deeds, selectboard minutes, road calls, highway maintenance records, or other direct references to the establishment of the highways or trails.

I have included a copy of the Ancient Road Practicum that provides details on the documentation requirements that were defined in Act 178 of 2006 and can be found in 19 V.S.A § 305(e). This information includes a description of the affected highway or trail, copies of any surveys, minutes of the meetings at which the legislative body took action with respect to the changes, and a current town highway map with the deletions and additions sketched on it. Currently, the descriptions and sketch map have been submitted, and the current legislative action when the Selectboard recognized the addition of the highways. We request that copies of any surveys and original laying out documentation, as reference by the book and page notations in the descriptions be provided.

The VTrans Mapping Unit will make the necessary changes once the documentation has been supplied. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments related to the Mileage Certificate, or mapping in general.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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AOT GIS Database Administrator  
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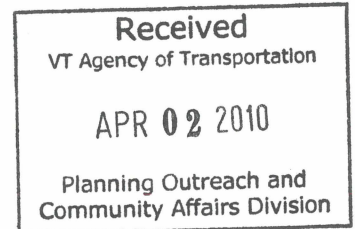
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*Agency Of Natural Resources*

March 29, 2010

Jonathan Croft  
GIS Database Administrator  
Agency of Transportation  
One National Life Drive  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5001



Dear Mr. Croft:

I am writing in regards to the town of Reading's projected proposal (March 2010 *Reading Informer*, town newsletter) to include two additional trails, the so-called Dow Hill trail and the Mt. Moses Road on their town highway map. Both trails are located, at least in part, on the Arthur Davis Wildlife Management Area (ADWMA). It is the Department's understanding that the local VASA affiliate,, the Reading All-Terrain Sportsman Club (R.A.T.S.) has proposed listing both roads on the state maps and the town has agreed to petition the state. In neither case, however, have parties produced the necessary documentation. The need for such proof was reaffirmed in the recent Vermont Supreme Court decision, *Austin v. Middlesex* (987 A.2d 307).

According to a map generated by the town in May 2009, the Mt. Moses Road was discontinued January 15, 1910 (volume 8, pg. 325; survey 1838 vol. 4 pg. 75) and to date we have seen no evidence to contradict this finding. If the town were to reverse this discontinuance it is the expectation of the Department, as the landowner, to be provided with sufficient documentation that the discontinuance was improper, or that the town had properly laid the road out. At this time neither has been provided.

In regards to the Dow Hill trail, the Department has not been provided with any documentation that it was ever a legally laid out. In fact, in 2008, the town rescinded its proposal to list it as a class IV town road because it claimed, at the time, that it did not have documentation to support the proposal. The Dow Hill trail was used as a secondary snowmobile trail by VAST up until approximately six years ago when the Department contacted VAST and asked them to stop using the trail due to the fact that it had been severely eroded by illegal ATV and off road



four-wheel drive activity. As a result of this activity, the trail is in extremely poor condition and has washed down to bedrock. It cannot be maintained for vehicular use without significant environmental damage and siltation of adjacent wetland habitat. The Department formally closed the trail to all but foot traffic in October 2006 and placed boulders and signs at either end.

Both of these submissions are problematic. The Mt. Moses Road should not be approved as a public road as it has been legally discontinued and not properly laid down. The Dow Hill trail is an invalid submission for public road status due to the lack of documentation of its history. In addition, the condition of the trail is in such a condition that environmental damage that would likely occur should it be deemed a public way. For the reasons described above, therefore, the Department opposes the addition of these two "roads" onto the Reading town highway maps.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas Decker".

Thomas Decker  
Director of Operations

Cc: Selectboard, Town of Reading

## Moulton, Sara

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**From:** Croft, Johnathan  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2010 10:03 AM  
**To:** Moulton, Sara  
**Subject:** FW: Road to be added to Reading's town highway map  
**Attachments:** reading\_ancient\_rds\_topo.pdf; Line\_5\_Feb\_10.shx; Line\_5\_Feb\_10.dbf; Line\_5\_Feb\_10.prj; Line\_5\_Feb\_10.sbn; Line\_5\_Feb\_10.sbx; Line\_5\_Feb\_10.shp

Sara,

FYI – I have placed the files into the V:\Projects\Shared\Mapping\HighwayMappingSystem\HMS\_Geodatabases\Data\_from\_RPCs\Reading directory. We have yet to receive the Reading Certificate, but maybe it will come in today's mail.

For an update regarding Mileage Certificates, here is the current status not including what the postman might bring today:

The Mapping Unit continues to receive the 2010 Mileage Certificates and has received 185 Certificates; there are 58 towns with changes indicated. To date, 86 municipalities have not submitted their 2010 certificates.

A bunch of the certs only have a few changes, not quite like what Barnard will be delivering next Wednesday....

Johnathan

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**From:** Jason Rasmussen [mailto:jrasmussen@swcrpc.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2010 9:34 AM  
**To:** Croft, Johnathan  
**Cc:** raysterlin@aol.com; Gordy Eastman  
**Subject:** Road to be added to Reading's town highway map

Hi Jonathan,

Please find attached the GIS shapefile and an image of the new road that Reading wishes to add to its town highway map. I believe the Selectboard will be submitting the mileage certificate and related documentation separately.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,  
Jason

Jason Rasmussen  
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission  
PO Box 320  
Ascutney, VT 05030  
P: 802-674-9201  
F: 802-674-5711  
[jrasmussen@swcrpc.org](mailto:jrasmussen@swcrpc.org)



TOWN HWY. NO.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 3	LEGAL TRAIL NO.	LENGTH IN MILES CLASS 4
5	0.570	1	(0.250)
6	2.280		
7	0.910		
8	2.600		(1.400)
9	0.730		
10	0.160		
11			(4.280)
12			(1.000)
13			(0.300)
14	0.480		
15			(1.950)
16	0.100		
17	0.500		(0.460)
18	1.000		(1.250)
19	0.830		
20			(0.210)
21	1.700		
23	0.170		
24	0.950		
25	0.690		(0.100)
28	0.550		
29	0.120		(0.280)
30	1.410		
32	0.160		
34			(1.000)
37	0.240		
38	0.210		
39	2.210		(0.710)
40	0.040		
42	1.420		
43	0.080		
44	0.800		
45	0.230		
46	0.240		
47	0.560		
48	0.340		
49	0.160		
50	0.150		(0.050)
51	1.120		(1.020)
52	0.050		
53	0.140		
54	0.780		(0.870)
57			(0.400)
58	0.480		
59	1.800		
60	0.020		
61	0.200		(0.120)
62	0.070		(0.420)
63	0.090		
64	0.240		
65			(0.600)
66			(0.940)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.240</b>		<b>17.360</b>

**MILEAGE SUMMARY**

CLASS 2		
TH-1	7.250	
TH-2	0.200	
TH-3	1.650	
<b>TOTAL CLASS 2</b>	<b>9.100</b>	
CLASS 3		
<b>TOTAL CLASS 3</b>	<b>30.240</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN</b>	<b>39.340</b>	
STATE HIGHWAY		
VT-44	0.204	
VT-106	7.277	
<b>TOTAL STATE HIGHWAY</b>	<b>7.481</b>	
<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>7.481</b>	

\* This portion of town highway is Class 3, but is functionally Class 4

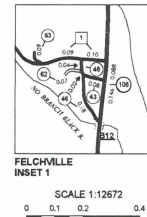
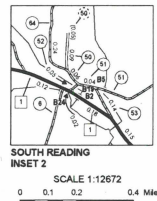
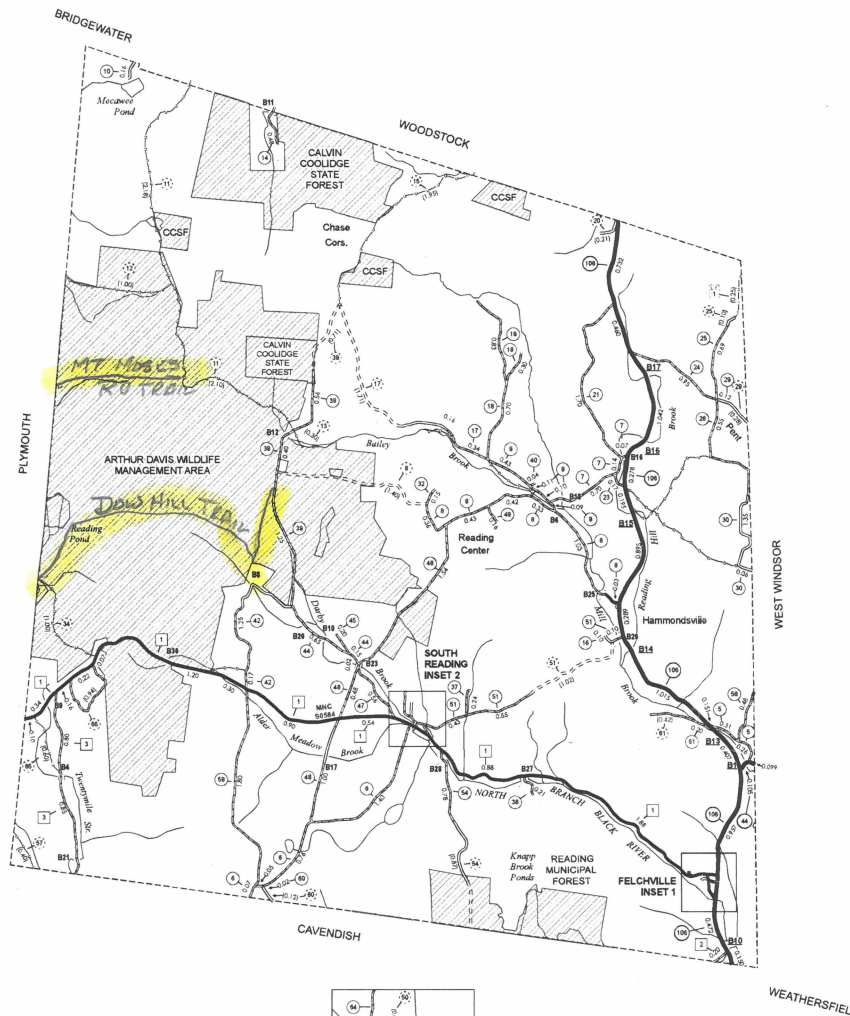
**TOTAL, TRAVELED HIGHWAYS, FEB. 10, 2007: 46.821**  
(Excludes Class 4 and Legal Trail Mileage)

- 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
- FEDERAL CLASSIFICATION IDENTIFIER**
- FAU - URBAN ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR
  - MA - MAJOR COLLECTOR
  - MNC - MINOR COLLECTOR
  - PA - PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL
- 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'
- B34 STATE BRIDGE IDENTIFIER**  
**B34 TOWN BRIDGE IDENTIFIER**

**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

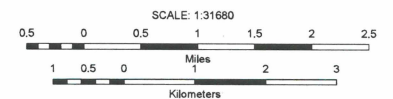


**VERMONT**  
**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP**  
**Town of Reading**  
**WINDSOR COUNTY**

Transportation District #4

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 prepared October 2007





Selectmen's Meeting  
February 8, 2010

Present: Robert Allen (Selectman), Gordon Eastman (Selectman), Jim Peplau (Selectmen), and Dennis Allen (Ancient Roads Commission), Rich Windish (EC Fiber Coordinator).

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.  
Minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.  
Treasurers Report was approved as printed.

Action Items:

- a) **AMBULANCE CONTRACT:** Robert Allen spoke to Windsor ambulance regarding the rate increase. Windsor verbally agreed to stay at old rate with no increase; we have received no correspondence confirming that. Jim Peplau motion to change providers to Golden Cross. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b) **DENNIS ALLEN-ANCIENT ROADS:** Dennis Allen stated that **Dow Hill and Mount Moses road** are clearly visible. National Geographic maps have included them on their maps although the roads are not shown on the State map. **The Town will request the State of Vermont to place them on their maps.** Dennis and Ray will put the overlay on the State map for submittal.
- c) **EC FIBERNET:** Rich Windish reported, that twenty-one towns have joined the ECFibernet group. Ninety million dollars is needed to start, due to the economy financing is still on hold at this time. They applied for stimulus money in November 2009, but have not heard anything yet. They intend to continue with this project.
- d) **HIGHWAY:** A possible broken water line on Tyson road is causing some icing on the road. The Selectmen reviewed the Townline and John Deere proposals on the new loader.
- e) **OTHER:** A report of a large tree, possible in the Town's right-of-way, is partially dead and dropping large branches in the road. Jim Peplau will investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.  
The next Selectmen's meeting will be March 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara J. Acuna, Town Clerk

READING VERMONT, TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
*February 8* A.D. *2010*  
at *12* o'clock *00* minutes *7* M  
and recorded in Book *81* Page *248*  
Attest: *Barbara J. Acuna* Town Clerk *Asst.*

**CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION and OPENING  
of a HIGHWAY for PUBLIC TRAVEL**

Amy Harkins (asst) Clerk of the Town of Town of  
(Clerk's Name) (City/Town/Village Name) VERMONT.  
Reading

Pursuant to Title 19, V.S.A., Chapter 7, this is to certify that the following described section of  
Class TRAIL Highway in the Town of READING VT was COMPLETED AND  
(1,2,3 or 4) (City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village Name)  
OPENED FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL on 2-8, 2010.  
(Month - Day) (Year)

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY: Beginning

NAME = DOW HILL TRAIL

AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TOPO MAP  
IN YELLOW - PLEASE ADD TO TOWN HIGHWAY MAP

and as shown on a Highway Map of the Town of Reading, dated  
(City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village Name)  
February 8, 2010, and filed in Book 81 on page 248 of the Records of the  
(Month - Day) (Year) (Book #) (Page #)  
Town of Reading by the Town Clerk of said Town,  
(City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village Name)  
incorporated herein by reference and attested to on said map by said the Town Clerk.  
(City/Town/Village Name)

Dated at Reading, County of Windsor and State of Vermont,  
(City/Town/Village Name) (County Name)  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2010.  
(Date - Day) (Date - Month) (Date - Year)

BOARD  
OF  
SELECTMEN,  
ALDERMAN,  
or TRUSTEES

Robert K Allen  
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)

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(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)

Nordin Eastman  
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Manager/Mayor Signature)

and the Manager/Mayor of the City/Town/Village of \_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town/Village Name)

\*\*\*\*\*

Reading, VERMONT  
(City/Town/Village Name)

February 8, 2010  
(Month - Day) (Year)

THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE DESCRIPTION OF CLASS TRAIL HIGHWAY COMPLETED AND  
(1,2,3 or 4)  
OPENED FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL, RECORDED IN BOOK 81 ON PAGE 248 OF THE LAND RECORDS  
(Book #) (Page #)  
OF THE Town OF Reading ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February,  
(City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village Name) (Date - Day) (Date - Month)  
2010, AT 12:00 O'CLOCK, P.M.  
(Date - Year) (Time) (A or P)

ATTEST: Amy Harkins (asst)  
(Clerk's Name)

Town CLERK OF Reading, VERMONT  
(City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village Name)



72°41.000' W

72°40.000' W

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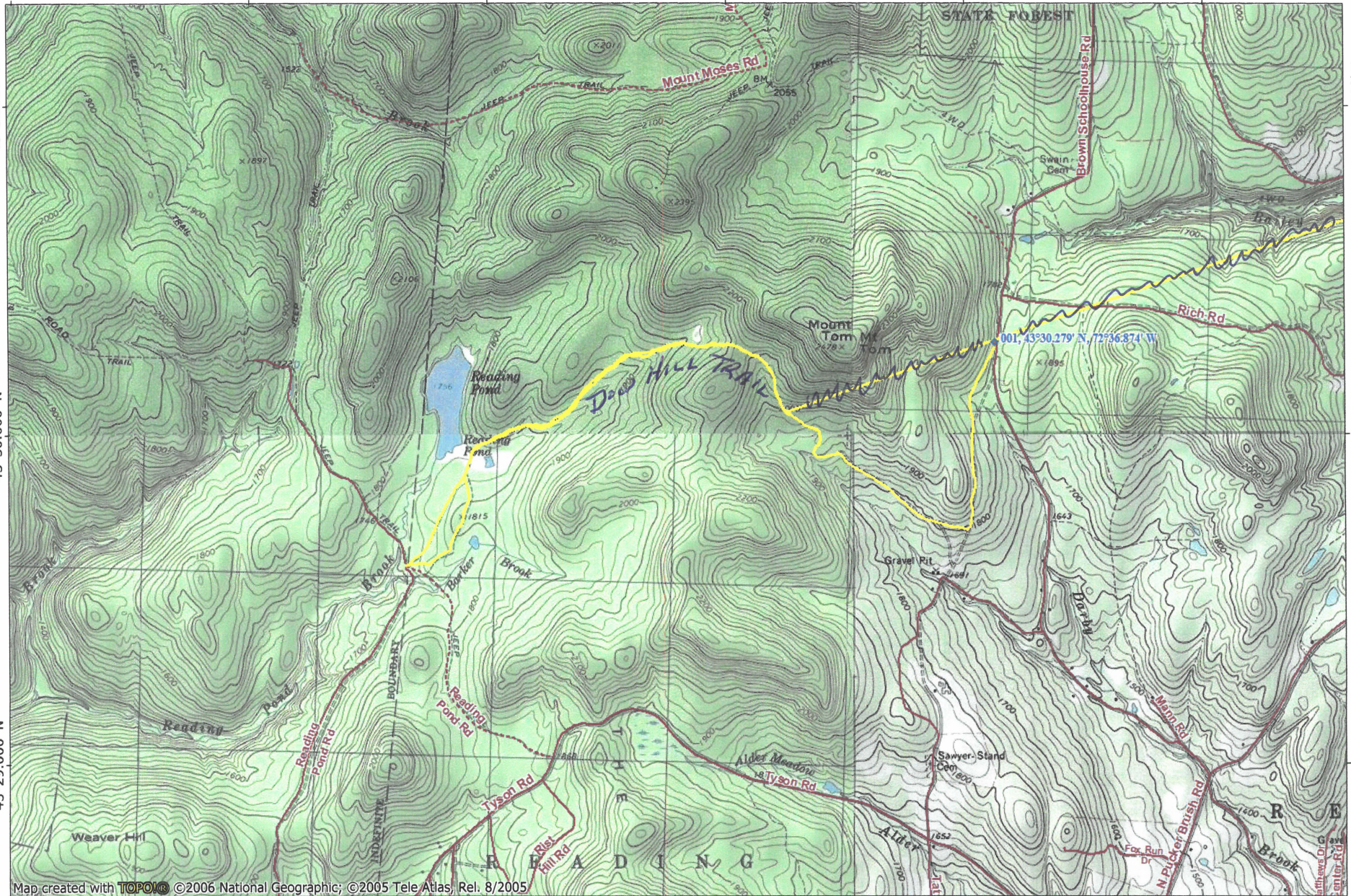
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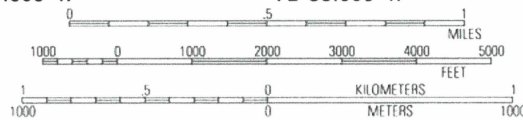
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**CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION and OPENING**  
**of a HIGHWAY for PUBLIC TRAVEL**

Amy Harkins (ASST), Town Clerk of the Town of  
(Clerk's Name) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village)  
Reading, Vermont.  
(City/Town/Village Name)

Pursuant to Title 19, V.S.A., Chapter 7, this is to certify that the following described section of  
Class TRAIL Highway in the TOWN of READING VT was COMPLETED AND  
(1,2,3 or 4) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name)  
OPENED FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL on 9-21, 2009.  
(Month - Day) (Year)

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY: Beginning

*NAME = MT MOSES ROAD TRAIL  
AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TOPO MAP  
IN RED TITLED 'MT MOSES ROAD'  
PLEASE ADD TO TOWN HIGHWAY MAP*

and as shown on a Highway Map of the TOWN of Reading, dated  
September 21, 2009, and filed in Book 81 on page 251 of the Records of the  
(Month - Day) (Year) (Book #) (Page #)  
Town of Reading by the Town Clerk of said Town  
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village)  
incorporated herein by reference and attested to on said map by said the Town Clerk.  
(City/Town/Village)

Dated at Reading, County of Windsor and State of Vermont,  
(City/Town/Village Name) (County Name)  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, A.D., 2009.  
(Date - Day) (Date / Month) (Date - Year)

BOARD  
OF  
SELECTMEN,  
ALDERMAN,  
or TRUSTEES

Robert K. Allen  
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)  
Brandon Eastman  
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)

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(Manager/Mayor Signature)  
and the Manager/Mayor of the City/Town/Village of \_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town/Village Name)

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Reading, VERMONT  
(City/Town/Village Name)

September 21, 2009  
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THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE DESCRIPTION OF CLASS TRAIL HIGHWAY COMPLETED AND  
(1,2,3 or 4)  
OPENED FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL, RECORDED IN BOOK 81 ON PAGE 251 OF THE LAND RECORDS  
(Book #) (Page #)  
OF THE Town OF Reading ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF September,  
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name) (Date - Day) (Date - Month)  
2009, AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, P.M.  
(Date - Year) (Time) (A or P)

ATTEST: Amy Harkins (ASST.)  
(Clerk's Name)

Town CLERK OF Reading, VERMONT  
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name)



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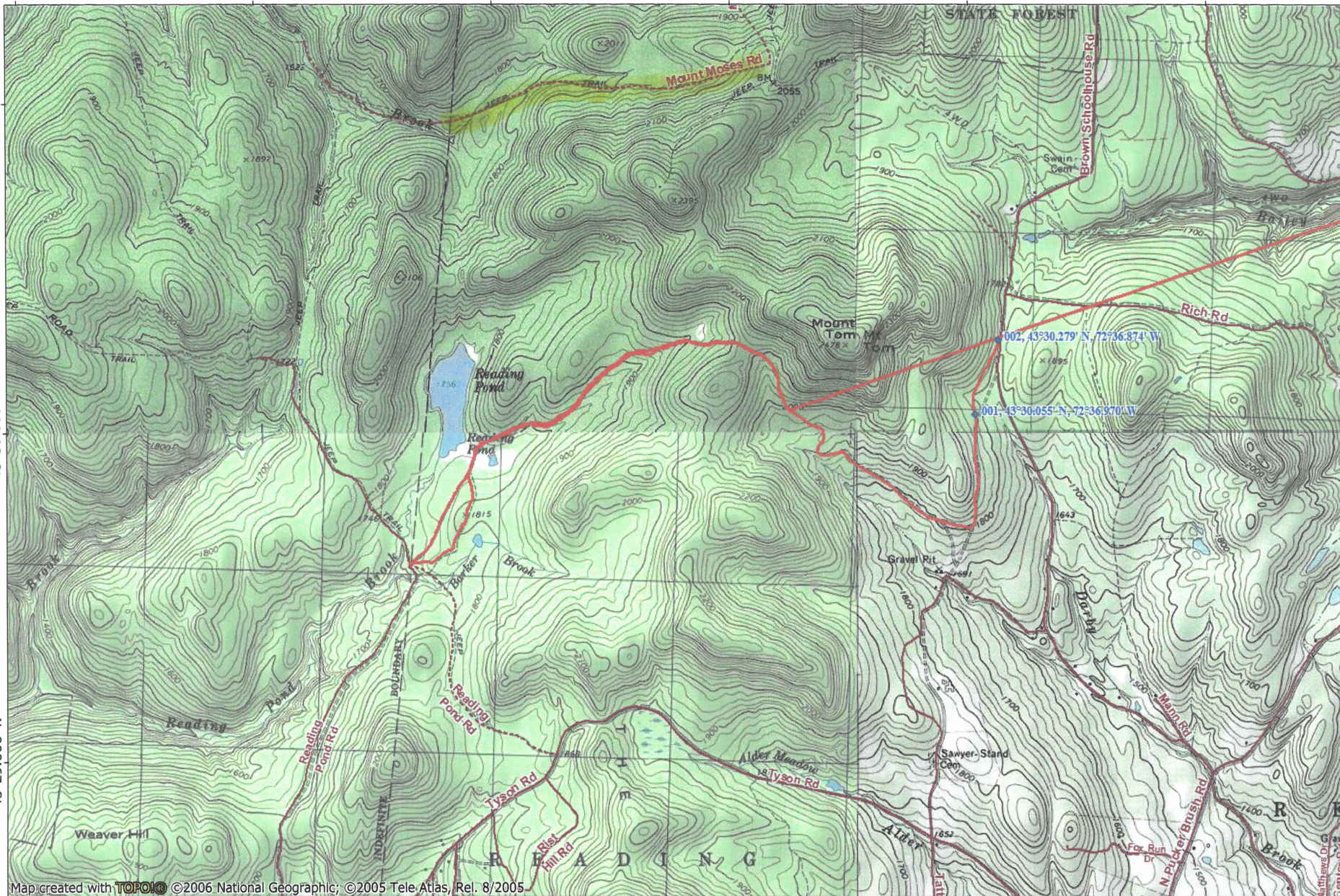
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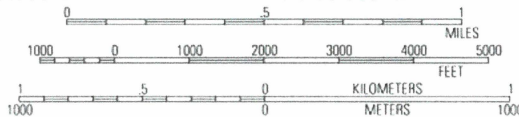
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Selectmen's Meeting  
September 21, 2009

Present: Robert Allen (Selectman), Gordon Eastman (Selectman), Jim Peplau (Selectman), Robert Taylor (Road Foreman), Ray Johnson, Chris Titus and Barbara Acuna (Town Clerk/Treasurer).

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.  
Minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.  
Treasurers Report was approved as printed.

Action Items:

- a) ANCIENT ROADS: February 10, 2010 is the deadline for adding any roads to the Town's highway map in accordance with the Ancient Roads Bill. Discussion regarding the acceptance of Curtis Hollow Trail and Mount Moses Road to the Town as Class 4 roads or Trails was heard.

Jim Peplau motions to reclaim Mount Moses Road as a Town Trail. Robert Allen seconds the motion. The motion is passed.

Curtis Hollow Trail appears to have been legally thrown up. More investigation is needed. A decision on this trail will be made at the October meeting.

Ray Johnson questioned what the procedure to designate a legal trail on private property. A survey of the trail and an easement granted to the Town is needed. Once the Town accepts a right of way as a legal trail, it becomes a 'public' right-of-way with only restrictions that are imposed by the Town. In effect the property owner loses all rights to controlling its use.

- b) FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS – BACK STREET: The Selectmen approve The Friends & Neighbors groups request to close a portion of Niagara Street from noon to midnight on October 31<sup>st</sup> for the annual Halloween event.
- c) ERRORS AND OMISSIONS: The Listers present the following errors and omissions; Parcel #1004, Robert Ackley incorrectly entered in the grand list as \$206,200 should have been \$204,600. Parcel #1055, Thomas Kerrihard, new survey submitted shows a change of recorded acreage from 41.69 to 39.21, with a resulting change of valuation of \$166,800 to \$159,400. Jim Peplau motions to accept the errors and omissions. Robert Allen seconds the motion. The motion passes.
- d) EC FIBERNET: The EC Fibernet group is currently searching for a potential hub site in Reading. They have looked at the following possible sites; Fire Station, Amsden House, State Highway garage, Stone School, Bartley Field, Elementary School and the Town hall.
- e) HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT: Vermont League of Cities and Towns are offering incentives to employees with health insurance. Various programs were discussed and all employees are encouraged to participate.
- f) HIGHWAYS: Bob Taylor states that there was much water damage on many roads. They have been working diligently to repair the damaged roads and keeping track of all related expenses in case the Town can be reimbursed. Robert reports vandalism at the town garage. Part of the chloride tank is broken off. Robert will install a safety fence around the tank to prevent and further damage.

g) OTHER: Discussion on employee vacation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara J. Acuna, Town Clerk

READING VERMONT, TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
September 21 A.D. 2009  
at 12 o'clock 30 minutes P M  
and recorded in Book 81 Page 251-254  
Attest: Amy Perkins Town Clerk *Asst.*

Selectmen's Meeting  
February 8, 2010

Present: Robert Allen (Selectman), Gordon Eastman (Selectman), Jim Peplau (Selectmen), and Dennis Allen (Ancient Roads Commission), Rich Windish (EC Fiber Coordinator).

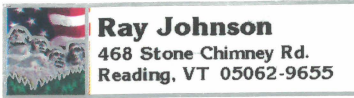
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.  
Minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.  
Treasurers Report was approved as printed.

Action Items:

- a) **AMBULANCE CONTRACT:** Robert Allen spoke to Windsor ambulance regarding the rate increase. Windsor verbally agreed to stay at old rate with no increase; we have received no correspondence confirming that. Jim Peplau motion to change providers to Golden Cross. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b) **DENNIS ALLEN-ANCIENT ROADS:** Dennis Allen stated that Dow Hill and Mount Moses road are clearly visible. National Geographic maps have included them on their maps although the roads are not shown on the State map. The Town will request the State of Vermont to place them on their maps. Dennis and Ray will put the overlay on the State map for submittal.
- c) **EC FIBERNET:** Rich Windish reported, that twenty-one towns have joined the ECFibernet group. Ninety million dollars is needed to start, due to the economy financing is still on hold at this time. They applied for stimulus money in November 2009, but have not heard anything yet. They intend to continue with this project.
- d) **HIGHWAY:** A possible broken water line on Tyson road is causing some icing on the road. The Selectmen reviewed the Townline and John Deere proposals on the new loader.
- e) **OTHER:** A report of a large tree, possible in the Town's right-of-way, is partially dead and dropping large branches in the road. Jim Peplau will investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.  
The next Selectmen's meeting will be March 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara J. Acuna, Town Clerk



Jonathon Croft  
Agency of Transportation  
One National Life Drive  
Montpelier, Vt. 05633

May 19,2010

Dear Mr. Croft:

I am writing in response to Thomas Decker's letter of March 29,2010 regarding Dow Hill trail and Mt. Moses Road.

Reading Ancient Roads Committee (RARC) is in agreement with Mr. Decker's statement that Mt. Moses Road was discontinued by Reading in 1910. However, research by the town of Plymouth can not confirm that the same was true on their end of this road. They were given the Jan. 15, 1910 date of Reading's discontinuance to aide in their research but were unable to uncover any records showing action on their end. That fact negates Reading's discontinuance as the road crosses town boundaries and therefore must be acted on by both towns. Additionally this road has been in continual use and maintained by many groups including hunters, hikers, snowmobiles, and most importantly owners of camps along this road.

Research on Dow Hill Road presented a different set of problems for RARC mainly because of the fact that the town records dating back to the 1780's time period are either illegible or nonexistent. There is clear evidence that there once was a road (parallel stone walls separated by three rods ) and the fact that it shows on several old TOPO maps. The most compelling evidence is on an old map on display in the Reading town office. The map was the result of research done by Sherman Howe and detailed on the map dated 1961. Dow Hill Road is shown as "the first surveyed road 1783" on this map of Reading. Although we are not able to confirm the source of Mr. Howe's findings it is illogical to think that he would have presented such a detailed map to the town if he were not confidant of it's accuracy. Just the fact that this was the first surveyed road in Reading is reason to preserve it for future generations.

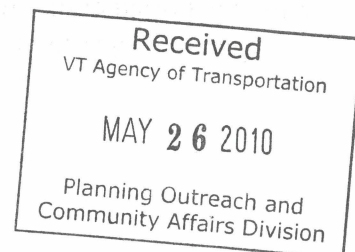
We remain confidant that we have done the necessary research and presented the facts necessary to have these two roads included on our town highway map.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Johnson'.

Ray Johnson  
Chair RARC

Cc: Selectboard, Town of Reading  
Thomas Decker, Fish & Wildlife



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Policy & Planning Division

March 19, 2009

Barbara Acuna, Town Clerk  
Town of Reading  
PO Box 72  
Reading, VT 05062

Dear Ms. Acuna:

We received your notice regarding the "Curtis Hollow Trail" and "Mt. Moses Trail" via our Headquarter's office on March 18, 2009.

Before we can comment, I have some questions about the status of these roads. We had previously been told by Reading officials that Curtis Hollow Road had been discontinued in 1908 (Town Records Vol. 6, Page 310). We also were under the impression that at least a portion of Mt. Moses Road was discontinued at some point.

Is there some new information regarding the legal status of these roads? Please let us know if there is so we can comment properly on your request.

Sincerely,



Timothy P. Morton  
State Lands Stewardship Forester

TPM:mmc

cc: Jonathan Croft, GIS Database Administrator (w/attachments)



Vermont Dept of Forest, Parks and Recreation  
106 Mineral St. - 304  
Springfield, VT. 05156

OCT 29 2007

Att: Aaron Hurst

Dear Mr. Hurst;

As our telephone tag hasn't worked, so far and I don't have E-mail, I'll resort to an old fashion method of cominication.

I need more information on the State of Vermont lands in Reading for the "ancient roads" project. I have a map of the Arthur

Davis Wildlife Management Area. Other State lands are shown on the maps I have but I really need a more comprehensive map.

I have questions on at least two roads within the State property:

The road from Chase Corners to Curtis Hollow. This road was discontinued by the Town of Reading in 1908. Recoded at

Town Records Vol. 6, Page 310. I know that there is now a road (trail) through this area. What is the status of that road?

Is it a Vermont State trail? Is it open to horses? snowmobiles or ATVs?

There is also doubt about the "Mt. Moses Road", which takes off from the " Mt. Moses Trail" , which a legal trail,

established by the Town of Reading, and continued to Plymouth 5 Corners. This is within the Arthur Davis Wildlife Management area.

I would appreciate whatever help you can give me on Reading's ancient roads.

Thank you so much ,

*Laura N. Griggs*

Laura N. Griggs  
P.O. Box 252  
Reading, VT. 05062

*Blame the spacing  
on the Computer!*

## Meeting with Reading Ancient Roads Committee – 11/20/07

Present – Aaron Hurst and Rick White (FP&R)  
Ray Johnson (484-5938) and Laura Griggs

We met with two Town of Reading Ancient Roads Committee members including the chairperson Ray Johnson and Laura Griggs (former Reading Town Clerk). They wanted to talk to us about three roads in town – the Curtis Hollow Road, Mt. Moses Road, and the Mini Fay Loop. According to Laura, all three roads were classified as town roads at one time, but all were discontinued at some point by the Town. All three roads are located at least partially on state land. These roads are currently being used for recreational activities. The Town would like to reopen these roads and classify them as legal trails.

The Town would like to know how to proceed with reopening a discontinued road on state land. Is the process the same as opening an ancient road located on private land?

The Town would also like to know what uses the State would allow on these trails.

Uses that the Town would be interested in include a possible combination of snowmobiling, ATVing, horseback riding, walking, and cross-country skiing, but they would go with whatever we would allow, if any.

The Mt. Moses Road and the Mini Fay Road appear to be located entirely on state land. Laura believes that when the Curtis Hollow Road was discontinued, the ownership of the road reverted to the adjoining property owners, including one section where the State owns to the center line of the old road on one side, and Greg Chase and a Mr. Robinson owns to the center line on the other. Mr. Robinson has a camp that he accesses of this road coming in from the Woodstock side. The Town has not talked to Chase or Robinson about the road.

- ATVs are illegally riding.
- Mt. Moses Road to Plymouth – not discontinued in Plymouth?
- Town willing to negotiate uses/timing on trail – “didn’t want to lose current use”?
- Ray will meet with Dennis Allen to GPS roads in question.
  - Ray pro-snowmobile/ATV/all use.
- Pope Road legally discontinued.
  - According to Act 178, land that is landlocked by road discontinuance will retain right-of-way for access.
  - Affects Parker/landlocked parcel.
- Using web maps as official town road classification.