




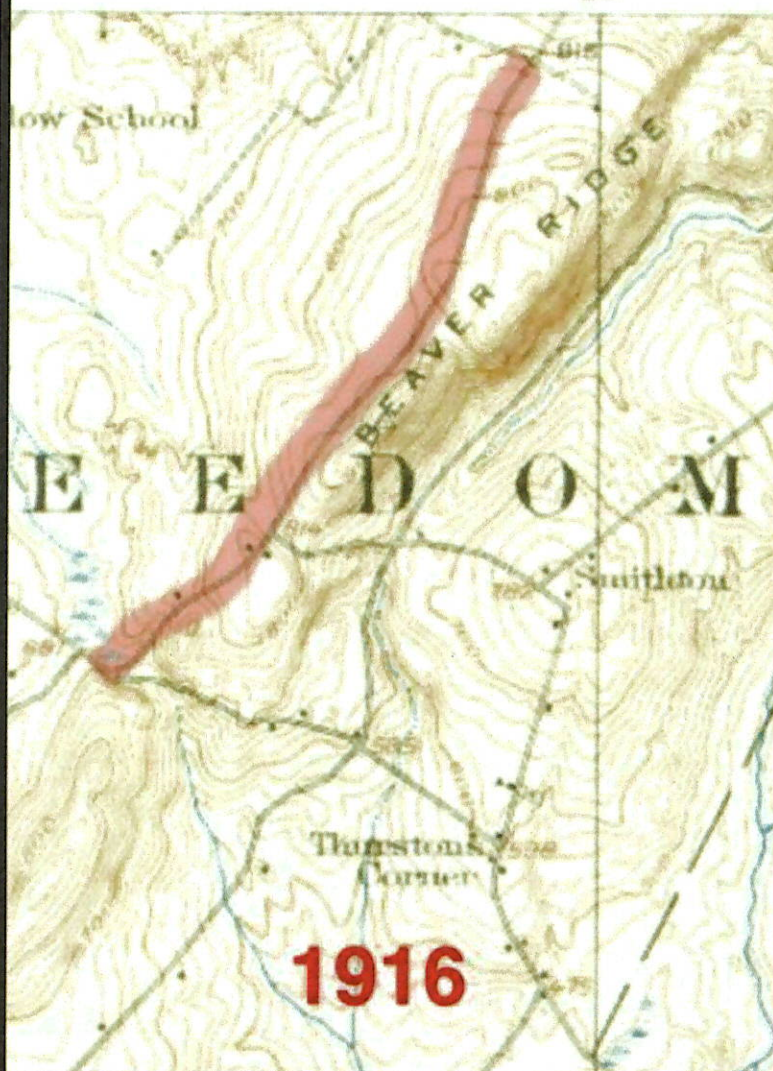



In pursuance of the annexed warrant the said Lewis Ham-
len Church Williams and Joseph R. Abbot having been first
sworn and having given reasonable notice to all persons interested
of the time and place of our meeting to perform the service as men-
tioned in the annexed commission have laid out a road or high-
way four rods wide beginning on the Western line of the Town
of Montville in the County of Lincoln and forty rods south of
Moses Wall's south line thence running south Sixty four de-
grees west five hundred and forty rods to the Town road in Freedom
in the County of Kinnelon leading from Amos Sylvester to Ebenezer
Sylvester Junior passing between John Pennypacker's house and Barn
James Smith's house and barn and Luke Sylvester's house and Barn
it is ordered that it be and it is hereby ordered that it be

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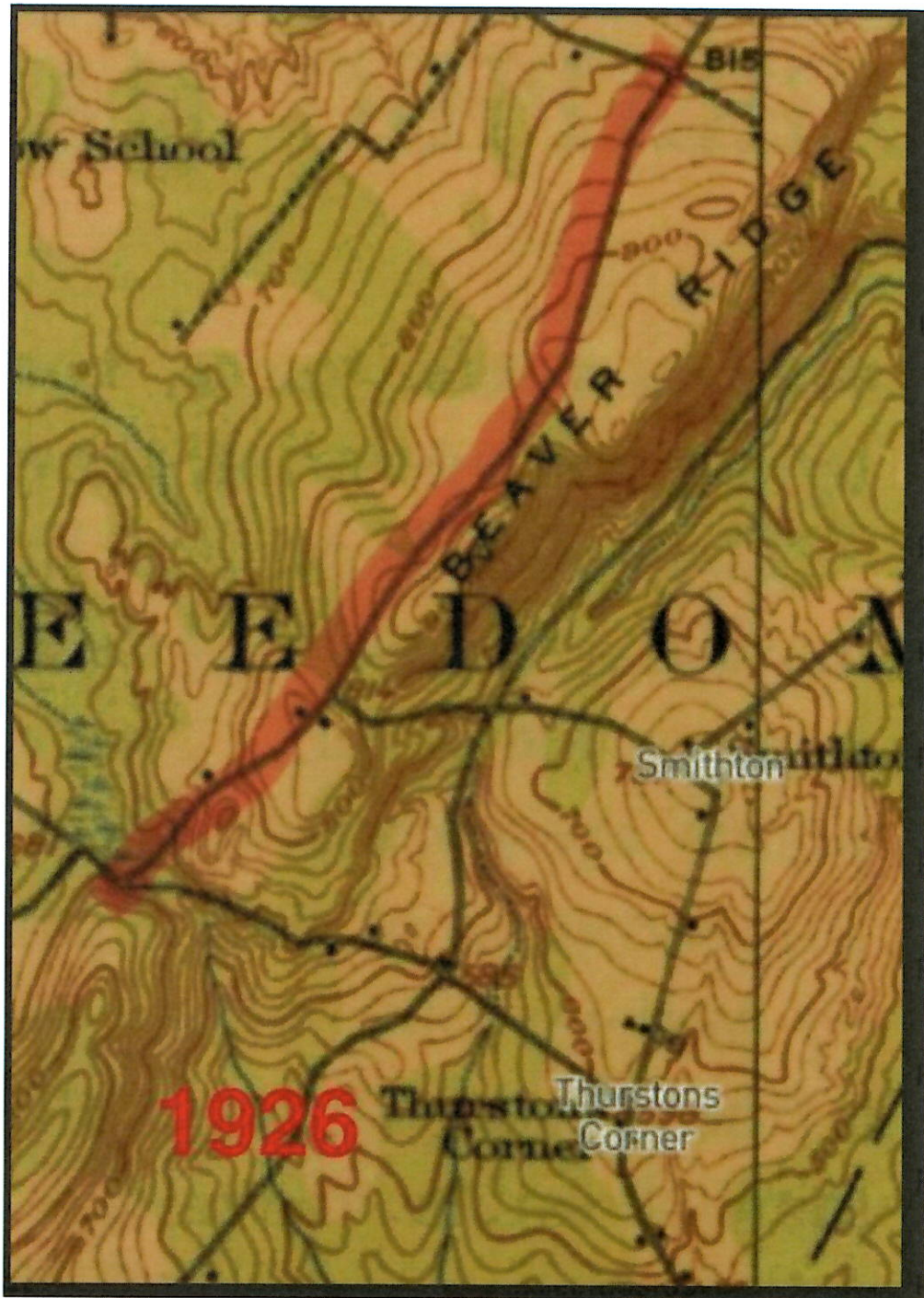
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Respectfully petition F. W. Penney, L. V. Penney,
and J. H. Jackson, three responsible persons
of Freedom, in said County of Waldo, that the
highway leading from Mc Donald's Corner, so
called, over Beaver Hill in a westerly direction
to Sibley's Four Corners and being a mail route,
as also the road leading from J. H. Jackson's
dwelling house in Freedom aforesaid southwesterly
to L. V. Penney's house in Freedom aforesaid, is in
need of repair, unsafe and inconvenient for travel
with horses, teams and carriages, which said ways
the Town of Freedom is liable to maintain.
That the said Town of Freedom has un-

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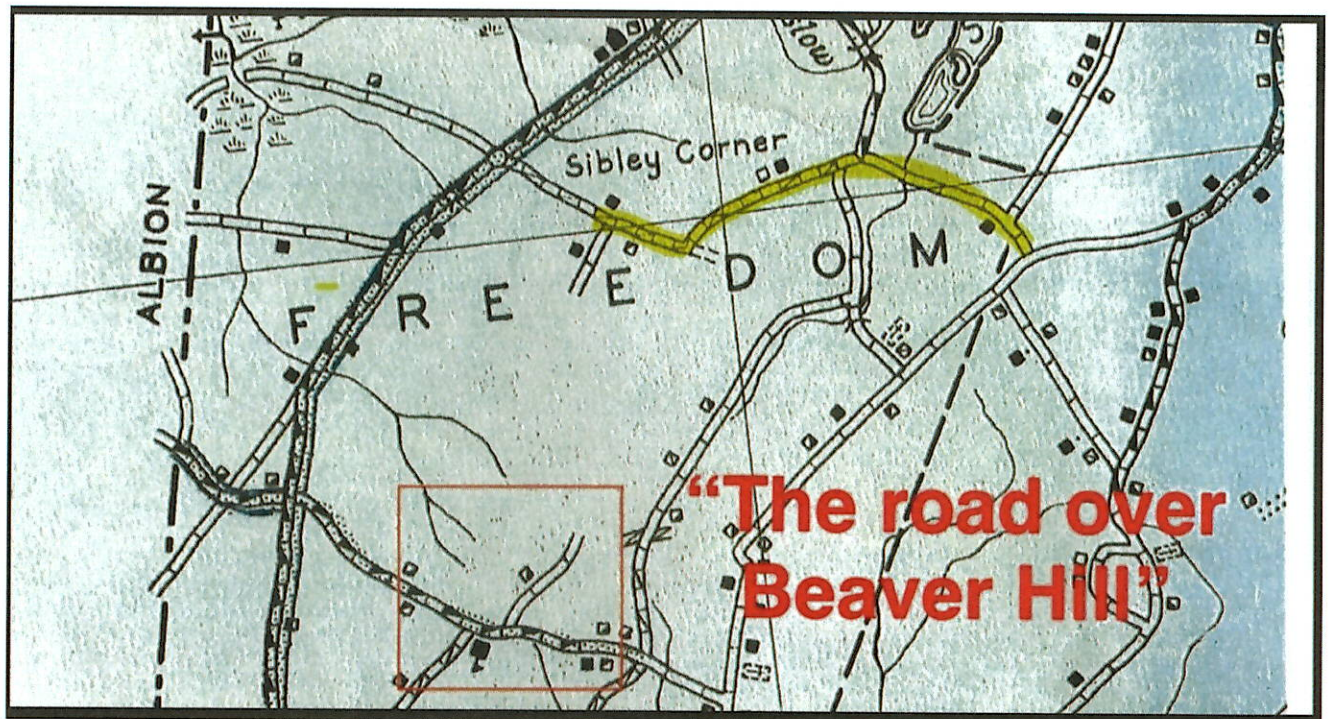
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Wm. M. Clark



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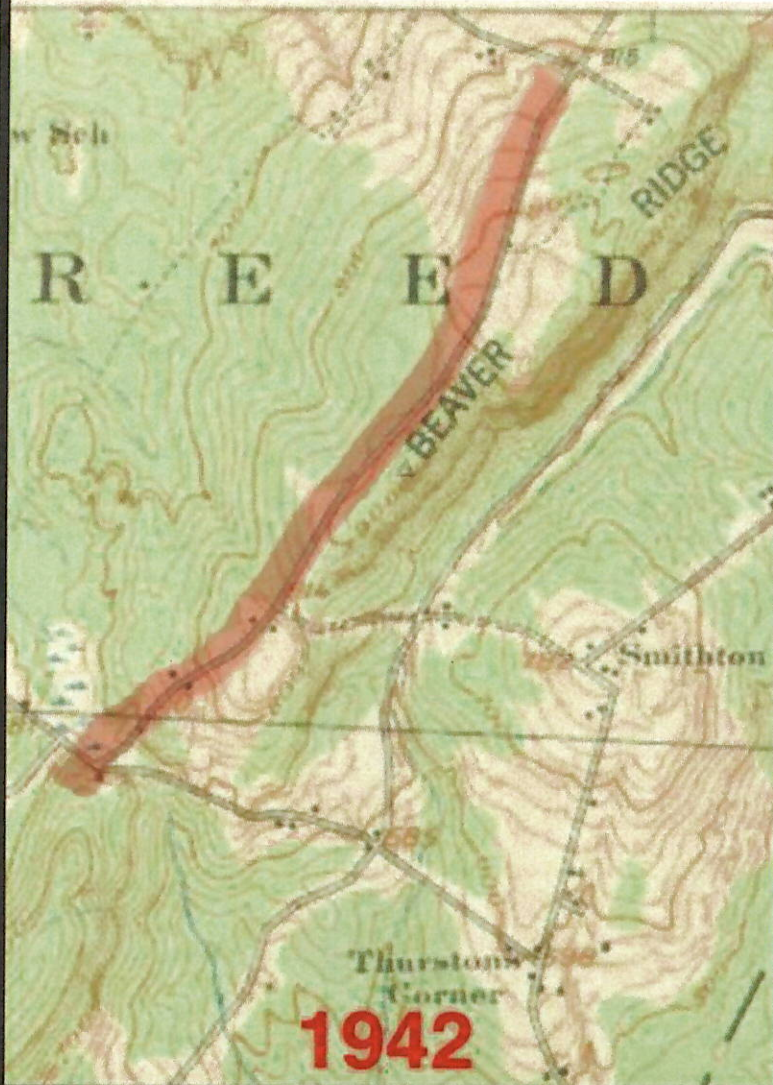
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\$400 in 1944 is equivalent in purchasing power to **about \$7,172.84** today, an increase of \$6,772.84 over 81 years. The dollar had an average inflation rate of 3.63% per year between 1944 and today, producing a cumulative price increase of 1,693.21%.

 <https://www.in2013dollars.com>



\$400 in 1944 → 2025 - Inflation Calculator

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Appropriations for 1944

Highways and Bridges	800.00
Snow bells	2000.00
Town Officers bills	800.00
Lights	250.00
Schools	3660.00
School lunch program	100.00
Maintenance 3rd Class Roads	472.00
" Special Resol. "	100.00
cutting & burning bushes	700.00
Wethers feed	100.00
Insurance on schoolhouses	75.00
Repairs on "	150.00
Dis. cont on Taxes 1943	262.29
Abatement 1943	7020
Public Health Nursing	35.00
Highway Patrol	530.00
Improve Beaver Hill Road	400.00
For Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00
" White Blister Rust.	200.00
Total	10729.99

Oaths of Town Officers 1944

State of Maine, County of Waldo, Town of Henderson
March 13, 1944, 10:07 AM.

I, Archie T. Knight, hereby certify that F. H. Foye this day personally appeared before me and took the following oath:

I, F. H. Foye, do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I, F. H. Foye do swear, that I will faithfully discharge to the best of my abilities the duties incumbent on me as Ballot Clerk for Annual Town Meeting according to the Constitution and Laws of the State. So help me God.

(Signed) F. H. Foye
Before me, (Signed) Archie T. Knight, Justice of the Peace

Nothing
about a
discontinued
road over
Beaver Hill

1948

TOWN OF FREEDOM, MAINE

Office of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

November 6, 1948.

County Commissioners

Waldo County

Dear Sir:

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Freedom, petition your Honorable Commissioners, to have the road leading from O. B. Ward residence in a North East direction to the old Davis place, so-called, a distance of approximately one half mile ($\frac{1}{2}$).

There are no houses between the two places. It is unnecessary to keep said road broke out and open for travel during the months of December, January, February, March and April, or any part of such months, and praying said Commissioners, after notice and hearing on such petition, to decide whether such road shall be kept open or closed during such period or part thereof, and for how many years not to exceed ten, such closing order, if made, as prayed for, shall be operative.

Yours truly,

/s/ I. J. JACKSON)	Selectmen
/s/ H. L. MITCHELL)	of
/s/ P. S. CROSS)	Freedom

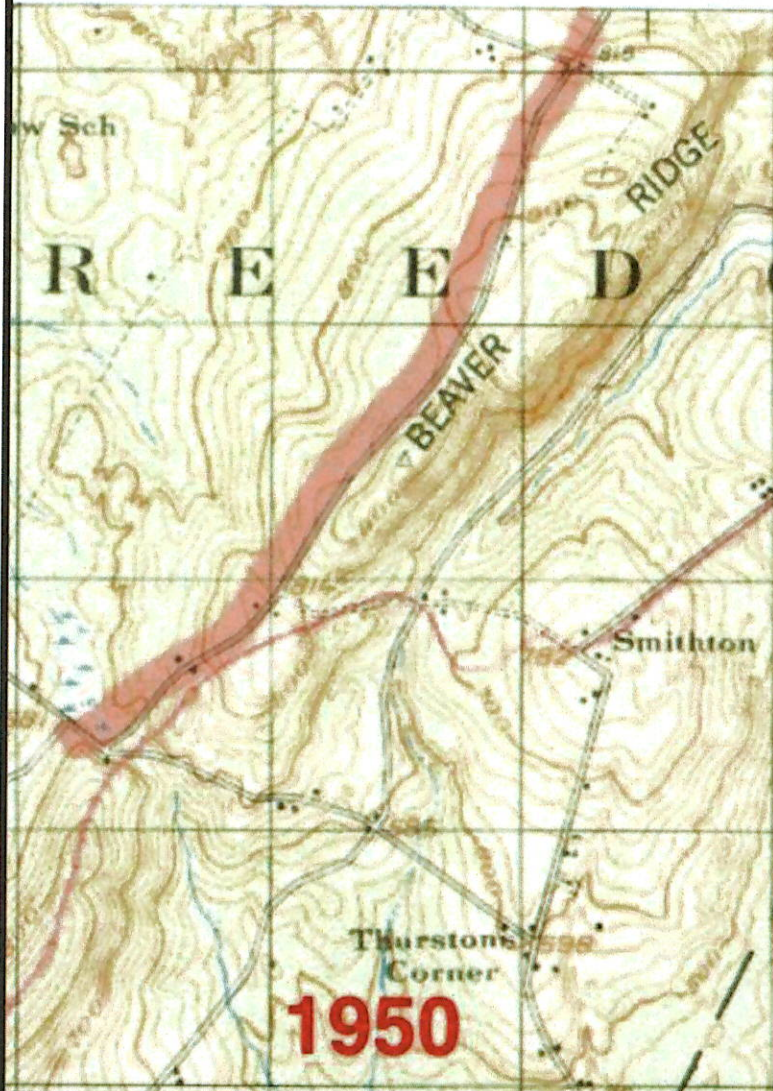
No. 87


Petition of Selectmen of the Town of Freedom to close road from O.B. Ward residence during months of Jan.Feb. Mar.Apr. & Dec.

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Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following roads as town ways now and forever but opened as public ways:

Mitchell Rd

(a) From Greeley's Corner to Improved road under Beaver Hill.

Timberland

(b) From Sibley Four Corners, so called, to the R. Smith place.

DAVIS

(c) From Arthur Aldrich place, south west, to Palermo and Freedom State Aid road.

Rollins

(d) From George Wagner's old place, so-called, South to Palermo town line.

Bloomstain

(e) From O. B. Ward's to discontinued road over Beaver Hill.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for power steering for F.W.D. Truck.

Art. 36. To transact any other business that may legally be brought before said meeting.

Art. 37. Motion to adjourn.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Grange Hall at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting and revising the list of voters.

H. L. MITCHELL

R. F. WARD

L. E. EVANS

Selectmen of Freedom

Attest:

ISAIAH JACKSON, Constable of Freedom

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Freedom, Maine
September 24, 1992

Re: Ollie Ward/Beaver Ridge Road

Dolly Ann & Charles Madyniak
118 Washington Ave.
Cartaret, N. J. 07008

In reply to your letter, I will try to answer your questions, concerning the status of this road.

- Question 1: This road was discontinued from Ollie's residence East to junction of road leading to under Beaver Hill Road, which is just down over the hill from the last house on the road. The rest of the road that continues East by your property could be considered an abandoned road. I believe you would have a right to control this road by a gate and permission only signs. Snowmobilers enjoy this route over the hill.
- Question 2: The procedure for towns to accept a road for maintenance is; Road must be at least eighteen feet wide, including shoulders, eighteen inches of gravel upon a solid sub. base, also culverts and ditches to make proper drainage. This would have to be okayed by the Selectmen and Planning Board. Then it would be inserted in an article at Town Meeting, to accept or reject.

My thoughts at this time: All towns are in an economy crunch, and I feel that voters would refrain from accepting any new liability at this time. However, I feel that maybe in the future, as more people build, on these abandoned and closed roads, the County Commissioners will demand the towns to reopen these roads to the public.

The name "Flat Landers" for out of stat people got started by some one with big mouth and not much respect for themselves. I believe the most of our citizens sometimes refer to out of staters as "Flat Landers" but do not mean any disrespect.

I have served in Town Government for fifty plus years and have had some out of staters on various committees for the town, and they are highly respected. I think the people of Freedom and Waldo County will be respectful and you can make many friends. Hope this letter introduces some of the Town's problems that we are now going through.

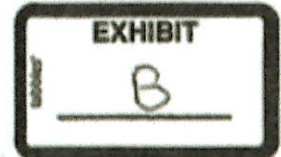
These are my thoughts:

My thoughts are coming from the mouth of a n eighty two year old man, who is completing forty seven years as a selectman, sixty years as a registered Maine guide and over fifty years as Road Commissioner or acting Commissioner or the selectmen, School Director and various other town committees. As these roads were discontinued in the fifties, I stated at the time that as the town grows these roads will be reopened. Again, I wish you and your son the best of luck on Beaver Ridge. Also would like to say that our natives are friendly caring people.

Sincerely Yours,
Harold Mitchell
Selectman
Town of Freedom

5/21/96

Ms. Sallyann Hadyniak
218 Washington Avenue
Carteret, New Jersey 07008



Dear Ms. Hadyniak,

I was very pleased to hear from you regarding the discontinued portion of road to the land you purchased. The road still remains under the selectmen's control. I am very sure that you will be pleased with the work that Clayton Larrabee will do for you.

I will be looking forward to meeting you this summer.

Sincerely,

Harold Mitchell
Harold (Red) Mitchell

Selectman

Town of Freedom

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EXHIBIT H

September 5, 1997

Heidi N. Brugger, Third Selectman
Town of Freedom
15 Deer Hill Road
Freedom, ME 04941

Re: Beaver Ridge Road

Dear Ms. Brugger:

Your letter of September 3rd asks about the legal status of Beaver Ridge Road. You said that that portion from the Ollie Ward property to the upper end was discontinued by vote of the 1956 annual town meeting. This would have resulted in a reversion of all public interest in the road to the respective abutting property owners to the center of the way *unless otherwise stated in the order of discontinuance* (see R.S. ch. 96, § 33 (1954)). (The 1956 town meeting records should be checked to make sure that this is not the case.) If the order of discontinuance did not state otherwise, this portion of Beaver Ridge Road would indeed be private property and subject to posting by its owner(s). Whether one abutter may erect a "Private Road" sign on another's land, however, is a private civil matter to be resolved between the parties and is of no legitimate interest to the Town. Accordingly, I would decline to advise the parties on this particular issue.

Incidentally, 30 years of non-maintenance ("abandonment") constitutes an alternative to formal discontinuance and would have no effect on an already discontinued way (see 23 M.R.S.A. § 3028).

I hope this answers your question. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Yours truly,

Richard P. Flewelling
Richard P. Flewelling, Esq.

EXHIBIT 6

Town Letterhead

August 26, 1997

Mrs. Becky Seel
Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Mrs. Seel:

The Town of Freedom and the residents of that portion of Ollie Ward Road (now known as Beaver Ridge Road due to the 911 designation, hereinafter referred to as "Beaver Ridge Road") after Ollie Ward place would like to submit the following question for your review and determination:

"Given the facts below, who owns Beaver Ridge Road after Ollie Ward's place?"

These are the facts as agreed upon by the Town of Freedom and the residents of Beaver Ridge Road after Ollie Ward's place:

- Until March 3, 1956, the Town of Freedom maintained the entire length of Beaver Ridge Road.
- On March 3, 1956, the Town of Freedom voted to discontinue Beaver Ridge Road from Ollie Ward's place.
- Since March 3, 1956, the Town of Freedom has had no involvement with Beaver Ridge Road after Ollie Ward's place.
- According to Statute 23 MRSA Section 3029:

It shall be prima facie evidence that a Town or County way established prior to January 1, 1946 and not kept passable for the use of motor vehicles at the expense of the municipality or county for a period of 30 or more consecutive years next prior to January 1, 1976, has been discontinued by abandonment.

- Beaver Ridge Road was established prior to January 1, 1946.

- The Town of Freedom acknowledges that they have not kept the section of Beaver Ridge Road past Ollie Ward's place passable for 30 or more years, beginning March 3, 1956.

As more than 30 years have passed since March 3, 1956, the section of Beaver Ridge Road after Ollie Ward's place is now arguably abandoned.

- According to Statute 23 MRSA Section 3026:

... If any town way was discontinued under the pre-1965 version of section 3004, no public easement would remain unless the vote approved by the legislative body expressly retained an easement. Caselaw dictated that ownership of the land reverted to the abutters to the centerline, in the absence of the showing of a greater interest. [Caselaw omitted from quote]

- There was no vote by the legislative body retaining an easement, nor was there a showing of greater interest.

Therefore, pursuant to statutes and the caselaw, the ownership of the land arguably reverted to the landowners on either side of the centerline, as of March 3, 1986.

We appreciate your time on our behalf and look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Mitchell
First Selectman

Everett Lingley
Second Selectman

Heidi Bruger
Third Selectman

Charles and Sallyann Hadyniak
Residents of Beaver Ridge Road after Ollie Ward's Place

Charles and Lynn Hadyniak
Residents of Beaver Ridge Road after Ollie Ward's Place

Walter and Rebecca Woods
Residents of Beaver Ridge Road after Ollie Ward's Place

Town of Freedom

Clerk's Certification for Town Meeting March 11 & 12, 2011

- Article 13. To see what sum the town will vote compensate the monthly Recycling.
Budget Committee recommends: \$3,000 year.

Passed by written: Total 32 Yes 31 & No 1

- Article 14. **Non-binding article-- For general information purposes only.**

To see if the town will vote to authorize an action by the select board to Discontinue (can't use abandon, as requested) a portion of the Beaver Ridge Road, pursuant to 23 MSA Chapter 3028, beginning at its intersection with the Sibley Road., thence traveling in a westerly

Direction to its intersection with another formerly discontinued road leading from the Beaver Hill Road to Oak Lane, a distance of approximately 8,000 feet. This discontinuance (abandonment can't be used) will be conditioned upon a public hearing to be held by the Select board, and upon an agreement signed by all the abutters giving a recreational easement to the public.

Abandonment=Full Easement

This is a non-binding article intended to have the voters generally express their intent as to whether the Selectmen should pursue further discussions on easement language and the exact location of discontinuance with abutters to be given to the public. The road in question.

Passed by written: Total 32 Yes 31 & No 1

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of a new pumper/tanker truck, for the fire department. Up to \$75,000 to be taken from the fire department capital improvement account, for down payment, with the remaining balance to be financed. The estimated cost of the pumper/tanker \$250,000

Budget Committee recommends: No recommendation

Passed by written: Total 32 Yes 31 & No 1

- Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow balance due on tanker.

Passed by written

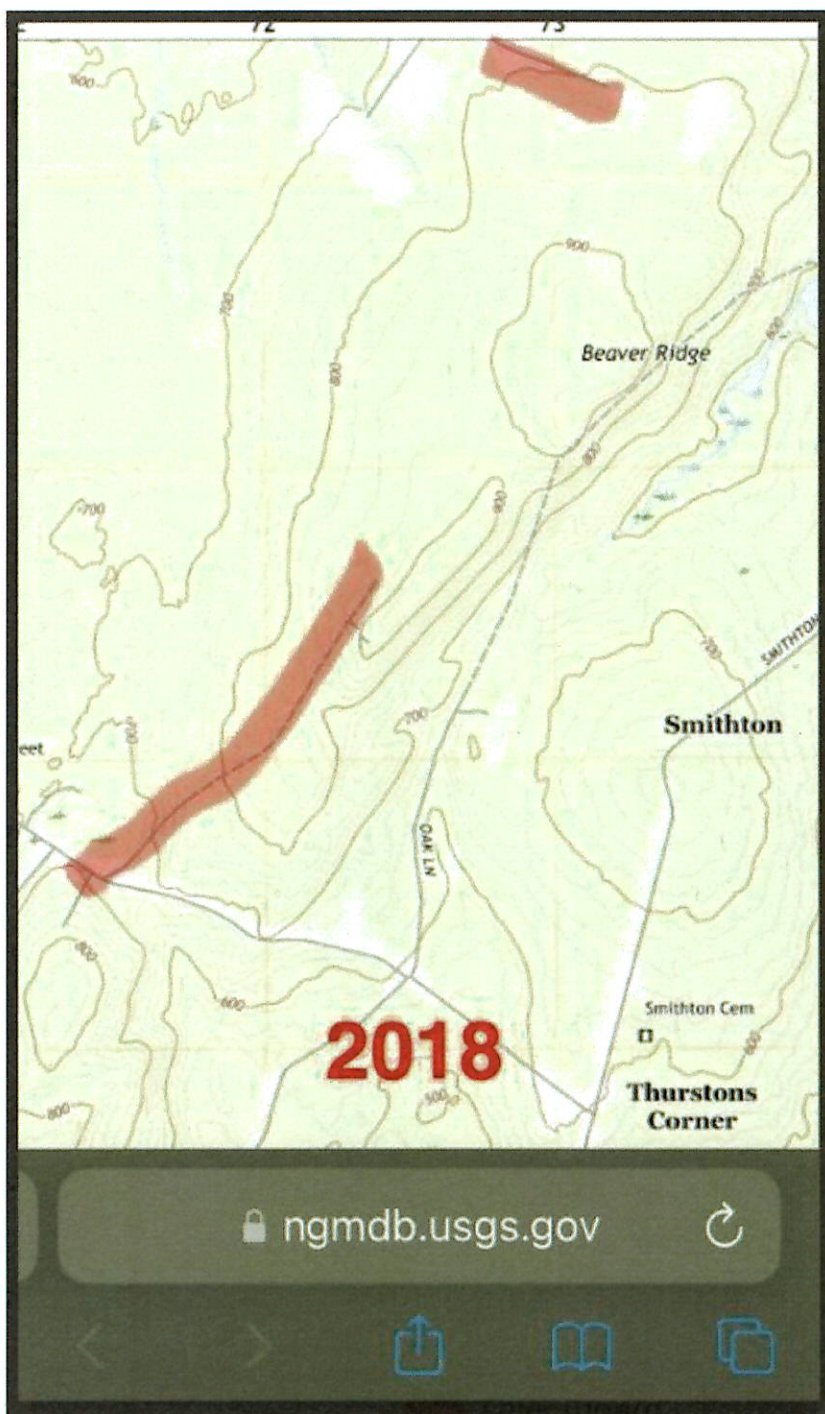
- Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take \$11,000 from General Fund to pay discounts.

Budget recommends: YES

Passed by written





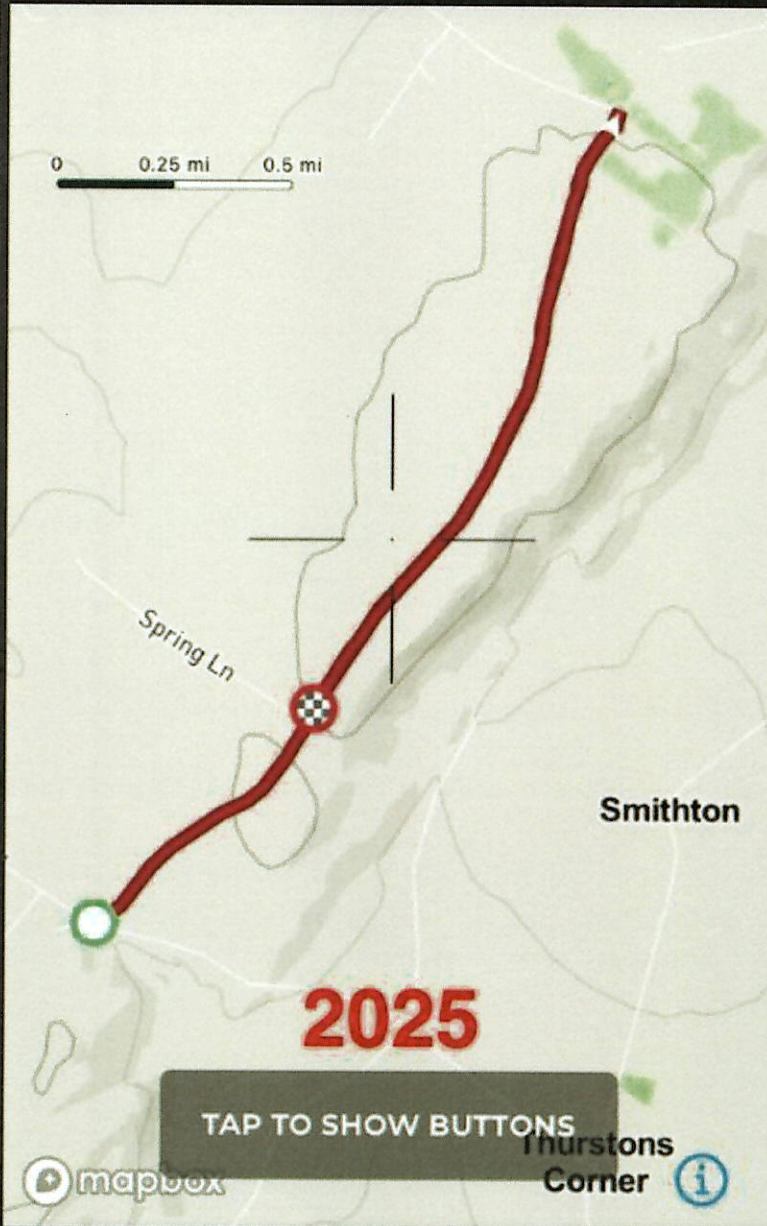


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