TOWN OF STAMFORD PUBLIC HEARING September 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Carol A. Fachini, and Daniel J. Potvin.

Christopher Warren and Michael G. Denault were not present.

David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner. Lori A. Shepard, Administrative Assistant. Visitors: Charles Bullett and Scott Lincoln.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the pledge of allegiance. She noted that the site visit was held at 5:30 p.m. this evening. Mr. Scott Lincoln has requested that the town discontinue the two sections of town road near his property at 2581 Main Road (the former Shippee/Mills property). She asked for any comments concerning the two sections of roads being considered for discontinuance.

Charles Bullett confirmed that the property would revert back to the adjacent property owners. The board agreed. He also confirmed that discontinuing the roads would not affect the telephone/power company easement.

Nancy Bushika acknowledged a letter received from the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation dated August 29, 2019. In their letter they state that it is their policy "...to encourage municipalities to keep highways as public rights-of-way for emergency, recreational, forestry, agricultural, and other purposes." But they have "reviewed the petition and have no comments."

It was noted that the two sections of road do not provide access to national forest and will serve no benefit to the town to keep them as a right-of-way. They are portions of the old Main Road and the sections immediately before and after were discontinued years ago.

MOTION by Dan Potvin to discontinue both sections of town road described as follows:

- 1. approximately .03 mile from the intersection of Main Road also known as Routes 8 & 100 west to the Scott and Lisa Lincoln driveway (formerly the Shippee/Mills driveway).
- 2. approximately .14 mile from the intersection of the Scott and Lisa Lincoln driveway (formerly the Shippee/Mills driveway) north to the intersection of the 1963 new access to Lincoln Road. This section is a portion of Section 4 as shown on plan entitled, "State of Vermont Department of Highways Proposed Improvement", Survey of Highway Project Stamford S 0102 (3) prepared in connection with the certificate of relinquishment dated September 23, 1963 and filed in the Stamford, Vermont Land Records in Book 28, Page 145.

SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

The roads are hereby discontinued and the right-of-way will revert back to the land owners.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to end the public hearing. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Carol A. Fachini Clerk

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