

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
WORKSHOP MEETING
June 27, 2016
Town Hall
9:00 AM**

() Call to Order

() Discussion of History & Status of Hooksett Road

() Other Business

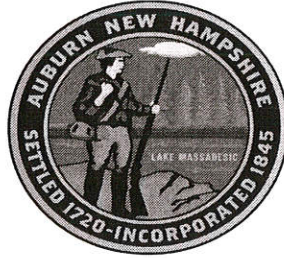
Surety Release – Long Meadow Subdivision

() Adjourn

Note: "Any person with a disability who wishes to attend this public meeting and needs to be provided reasonable accommodations in order to participate, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Secretary at (603) 483-5052 x100, so that arrangements can be made."

Town of Auburn

Town Hall
47 Chester Road
P.O. Box 309
Auburn, NH 03032



Town Administrator

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townadmin@townofauburnnh.com

To: Board of Selectmen
Cc: Mike Dross Dan Tatem

From: Bill Herman, CPM, Town Administrator
Date: June 23, 2016
Re: Status of Hooksett Road

In recent years, questions have arisen between the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and the Town of Auburn concerning the ownership and maintenance responsibilities for various sections of Hooksett Road. To date, the Town of Auburn has not been able to locate a clear record or history regarding ownership versus right-of-way, and what portions of Hooksett Road is Auburn responsible to maintain.

Recently, some drainage infrastructure maintenance in the immediate area of the underpass at Exit 2, was brought to the Road Agent's attention by NHDOT. Although the drainage was installed by NHDOT, they informed him that the repair work is the responsibility of Auburn. However, the Road Agent indicated that he is aware, dating back to Joe Stacey, that NHDOT has maintained the infrastructure for this particular section of road.

At the present time, NHDOT contents the maintenance responsibility for Hooksett Road is divided up as follows:

- From NH 121 northerly to approximately 0.25 miles north of Depot Road (NHDOT)
- From 0.25 miles north of Depot Road northerly to Rockingham Road (Auburn)
- From Rockingham Road northerly for 0.75 miles -- 563 Hooksett Road (NHDOT)
- From 563 Hooksett Road northerly to Hooksett town line (Auburn).

Because Auburn does not have any historical documentation clearly delineating the ownership / maintenance responsibilities for the various sections of the road, I had requested Stantec Consulting to research the historical records of Hooksett Road in hopes of determining the ownership of each section and who has maintenance responsibilities for those sections of road.

They have been able to obtain some NHDOT records that suggest the status of Hooksett Road has changed over time. A 1937 NHDOT map suggests the entirety of Hooksett Road is in the State Secondary Highway System and was the full responsibility of the State of New Hampshire. By 1945, two portions of Hooksett Road were listed NHDOT responsibility, with the remaining portions being the responsibility of the Town of Auburn.

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June 23, 2016
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To fully research this issue the estimated cost is approximately \$2,500; however, there are no guarantees of a final determination should the necessary documentation not exist. It is also possible we might find the Town of Auburn has the responsibility for a larger portion of Hooksett Road than we currently own and maintain.

In the late 1970s, there had been discussions between NHDOT and the Town of Auburn to swap maintenance responsibilities for portions of Hooksett Road to enable the State to have responsibility for one complete section of the road and the Town the responsibility for a second complete section of the road instead of having the patchwork responsibilities that currently exist. The Town ultimately decided not to move in that direction.

From the latest effort to try and determine who has what responsibilities, NHDOT has indicated to Stantec Consulting that they would be willing to sit with the Town and work out some sort of swapping sections of the road if the Town wanted to do so.

Timing for this may possibly be good as the NHDOT is this summer scheduled to perform significant repair and paving work to the two sections of Hooksett Road. I have understood from Dan Tatem this work is more than a simple shim & overlay, so it is possible if a swap was worked out, the Town would be receiving road that was in very good condition.

Instead of fully researching all of the historical records to potentially not find an answer or worse, an answer that is not favorable to the Town of Auburn, it may make sense to instead first see if the Town and NHDOT can work out an agreement for finally and formally determine who would have responsibility for what sections of the road moving forward.

Should an agreement not be achievable, the Town always has the ability to then do the historical research if it wanted to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

MAP OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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J. S. Condit
COMMISSIONER



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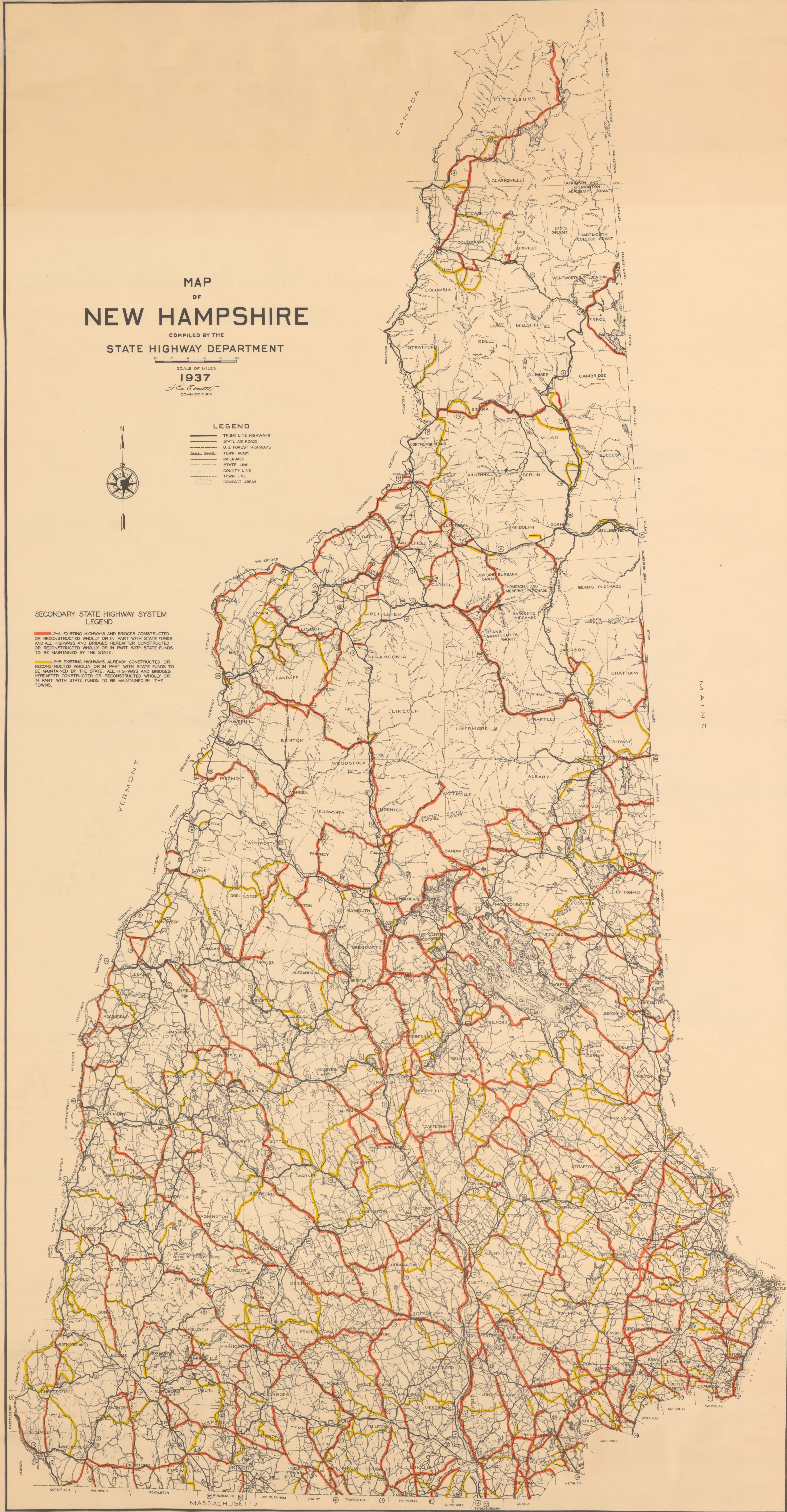
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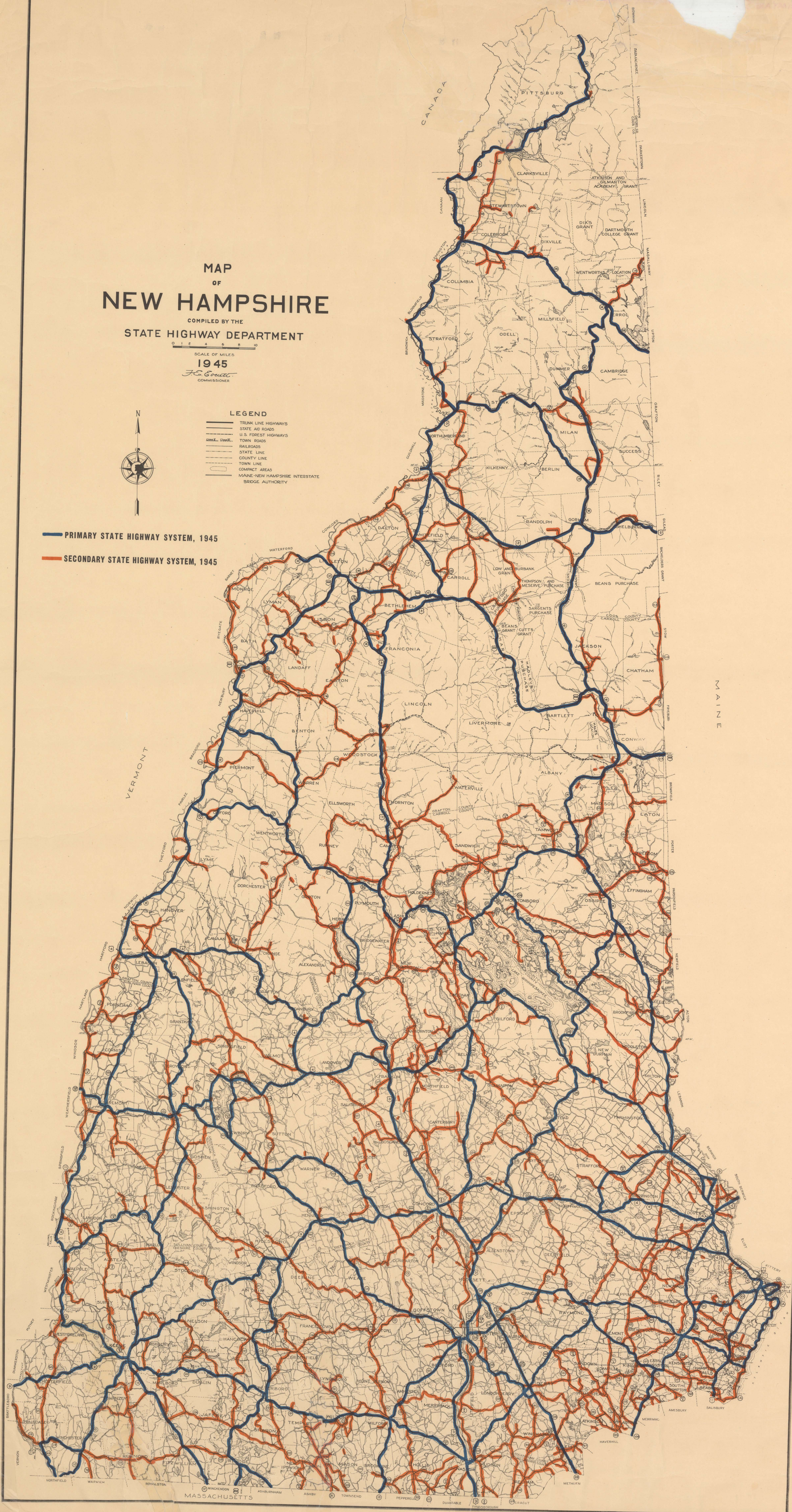
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PRIMARY STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, 1945

SECONDARY STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, 1945



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February 12, 1973

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Auburn Central

Mr. Donald W. Dollard, Chairman
Auburn Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Office
Auburn, New Hampshire 03032

Dear Mr. Dollard:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 8th stating a preference for leaving Hooksett Road in its present classification.

The proposed reclassification is scheduled for hearing as House Bill 279 on February 21 at 10:00 A.M. We will ask for an "Inexpedient to Legislate" recommendation of the House Public Works Committee.

By copy of this letter I am advising Representative Davis. It will not be necessary for you to attend the hearing.

Sincerely yours,

F.L.A.

Floyd L. Avery
Secondary Roads Engineer

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cc: Division 5
Representative Davis

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February 12, 1973

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The Honorable Roy W. Davis,
Representative to the General Court
District No. 2
Chester Road
Auburn, New Hampshire 03032

Dear Representative Davis:

Attached are copies of correspondence relating to reclassification of Hooksett Road in Auburn. This was such a natural exchange of two pieces of roadway that I moved toward legislation upon the original inquiry from the Selectmen.

I am sorry to have involved you in this.

Sincerely yours,

FLA

Floyd L. Avery
Secondary Roads Engineer

FLA/cik
Attachments

cc: Division 5

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03032

February 8, 1973

Mr. Floyd L. Avery
Secondary Roads Engineer
Dept. Public Works & Highways
John O. Morton Building
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Mr. Avery:

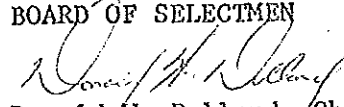
After much thought and discussion, not only among ourselves but also among others, within the town who's opinion we respect, we at this time wish to leave the classification of the roads as they are now.

Accordingly, we are holding some of the unexpended funds appropriated for the rebuilding over until this year to hot top it. We should have done this in the fall of 1972 but we will do it this year hopefully for the price Watkins quoted last fall.

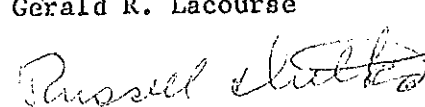
It does seem unusual that we were not kept informed of what was happening by you or our Representative but we do appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Donald W. Dollard, Chairman


Gerald R. Lacourse


Russell Dutka

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Division 03

By: *OP*

Date: *HWS*

By: *EAB*

Date: *10/1/72*

By: *J. H. H.*

Date: *10/1/72*

February 2, 1973

Mr. Donald W. Dollard, Chairman
Auburn Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Auburn, New Hampshire 03032

Dear Mr. Dollard:

After discussing the reclassification of two sections of highway in Auburn with you last summer we prepared legislation for consideration before the deadline of October 1, 1972. A copy is enclosed.

The bill was reviewed by Legislative Services, has the signature of Representative Davis, and it is designated as House Bill 279. I cannot advise you when it will be assigned to the Public Works Committee for a hearing.

Your letter of December 29, 1972 indicates the need for additional information by your Board. In a monetary sense the advantage to the town is about \$82 per year from the TRA and Highway Subsidy Funds. The town share raised would be less than \$5.

The change would provide a more functional system of highways with a complete section of state highway between N.H. 101 and Auburn Village instead of the two deadend sections as at present. It appears to me that a similar benefit would accrue to the town in realigning its highway system into one definite section instead of two separate sections.

I am sorry that you were not kept informed of progress on the bill and I can see now that too much was taken for granted. In the event the Bill comes up for hearing before you make up your mind we can ask for a delay; if you decide against the change we will ask for "Inexpedient to Legislate"; and of course we will have no problem if you approve the bill.

Sincerely yours,

FLA

Floyd L. Avery
Secondary Roads Engineer

FLA/cik
cc: Division 5

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03032

December 29, 1972

Floyd Avery
Secondary Roads Engineer
N.H. Highway Department
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Mr. Avery:

In our conversation back in the fall, the possibility arose of putting a bill before the legislature to swap the present State section of highway from Old 101 in a northerly direction on Hooksett Road for approximately one mile for the recently re-constructed section of highway from 101 in a southerly direction for approximately 3/4 of a mile to the Railroad bridge.

We are not thoroughly convinced that this is in the town's best interest at this time, however, we feel we must be prepared with accurate terminology in describing the above two sections of highway if we should suddenly decide to put it before the legislature.

Would you advise us in this matter.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Donald W. Dollard, Chairman

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June 23, 2016
File: 195112603

Mr. Jim Headd, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 309, 47 Chester Road
Auburn, NH 03032-0309

**Reference: Auburn, NH
Long Meadow Subdivision
Recommended Surety Release**

Dear Mr. Headd:

This letter has been written to provide a recommendation for the release of the present surety held by the Town, for the subject project. As of June 22, 2016 the three warranty work items noted in our May 26, 2015 letter were completed and no latent defects were observed during our site walk on June 22, 2016. Also, we contacted the Town's Road Agent and he agreed that the road repairs are functioning satisfactorily.

Considering that the additional one year warranty period for the warranty related road repairs expired on June 22, 2016, we recommend that the current surety of \$21,682.80 be released to the Applicant.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Daniel Tatem", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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dan.tatem@stantec.com

c: Keith Martel, Owner
Keith Coviello, LBDA (email)
Mike Dross, Road Agent
Carrie Cote, Building Department
R. LaBranche, Stantec