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**Subject:** Stumpjumpers request for access to Haynes Rd

Hello. I will not be able to attend the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday. Is it possible to get a recording of the meeting?

Also, I would like to make the following public comment:

I live on Meadowlark Lane and use Haynes Road between Meadowlark and Higley Hill Road everyday to go to work and into town. I object to making Haynes Road part of the VAST trail for the following reasons:

First and foremost, is safety. The section that Stumpjumpers wants to access is unsafe to mix cars and snowmobiles. The road to either side of the bridge is steep and icy in the winter and cars regularly slide going up and coming down on this part of the road. Also, the bridge is too narrow to have multiple vehicles on at the same time when there are snow banks. While the residents know the conditions on the road, the snowmobilers won't. I don't want to be the car that takes out a snowmobile because the road is icy. Also, I know from experience that the corner of Higley Hill and Haynes Rds is a blind corner with cars exceeding the speed limit on Higley Hill. If this request is approved, I am certain there will eventually be a very bad accident there.

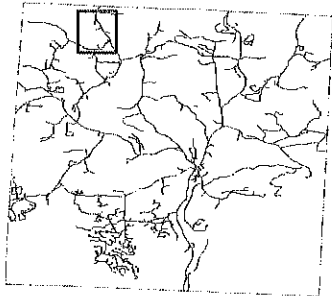
Second, we live in a very quiet neighborhood. We have specifically chosen to live in a quiet neighborhood. We have bought our homes and paid our taxes to have this kind of neighborhood. Snowmobiles are very loud as we all know. I can hear the snowmobiles at my house from a mile away where they cross Higley Hill Road at the Morgan horse farm. The idea that snowmobiles will be using Haynes Road right in front of our neighbors houses and very near to my house completely shatters the peacefulness of where we live. This is my primary and only residence. The majority of people who will be riding snowmobiles go home to their houses in other states where no one is riding snowmobiles in their front yards. The Stumpjumpers want to degrade our neighborhood just to accommodate the pleasures of mostly nonresidents.

These exact issues were discussed with the Selectboard last year when the Selectboard rejected Stumpjumpers request to use Haynes Road.

Finally, I want to add that I have spoken to one active and two former members of the Stumpjumpers, and all three of them have said they wouldn't want the trail next to or through their properties. Why is it that their own members don't want to be next to the VAST trail? No doubt, it's the same reasons we don't want it either.

Thank you for reading this in the meeting.  
Randi Greenspan

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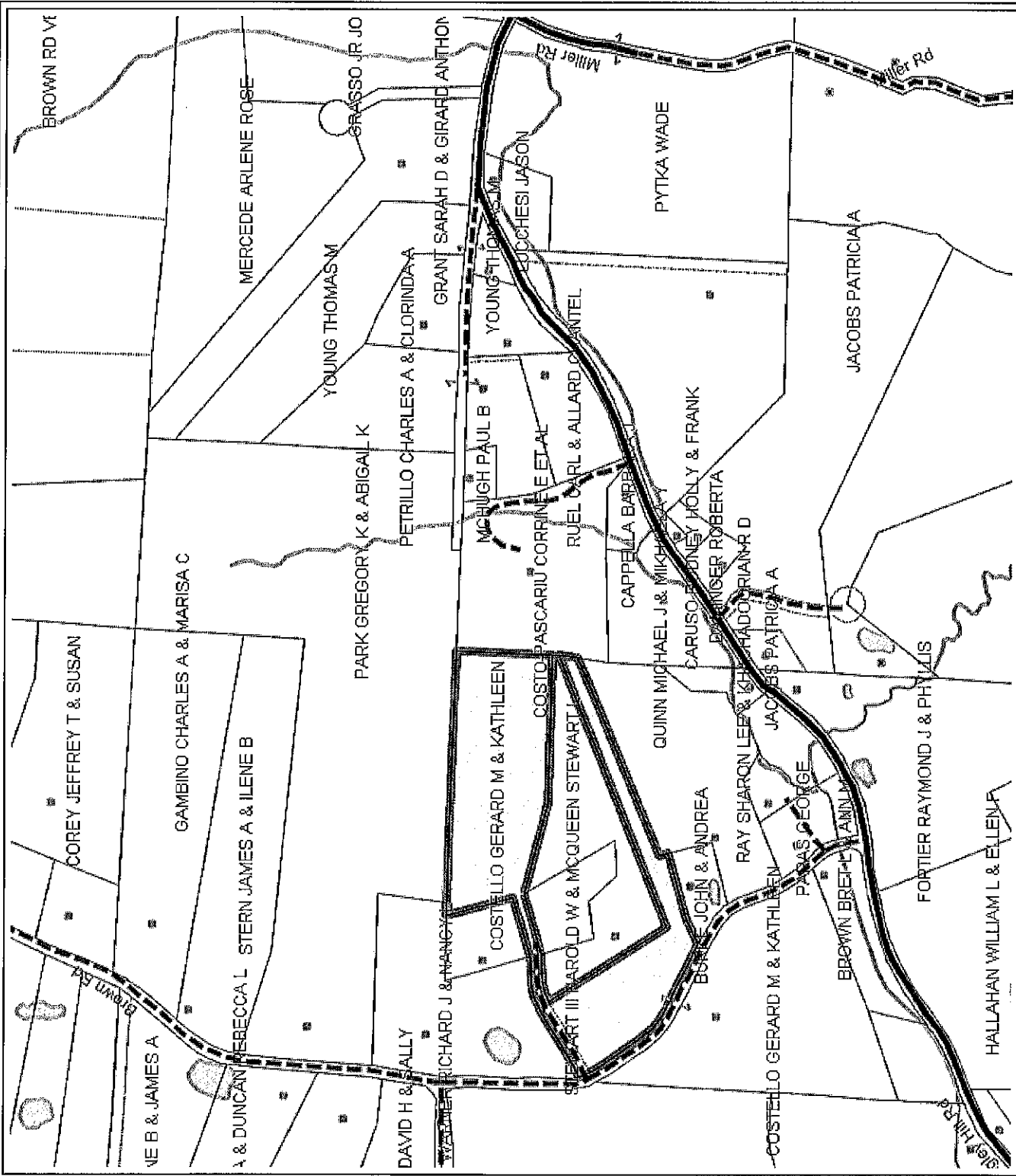


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Wilmington, VT 5363  
17.6 acres Grand List  
17.89 acres GIS

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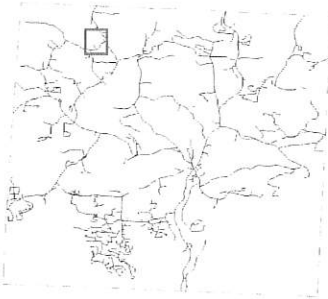


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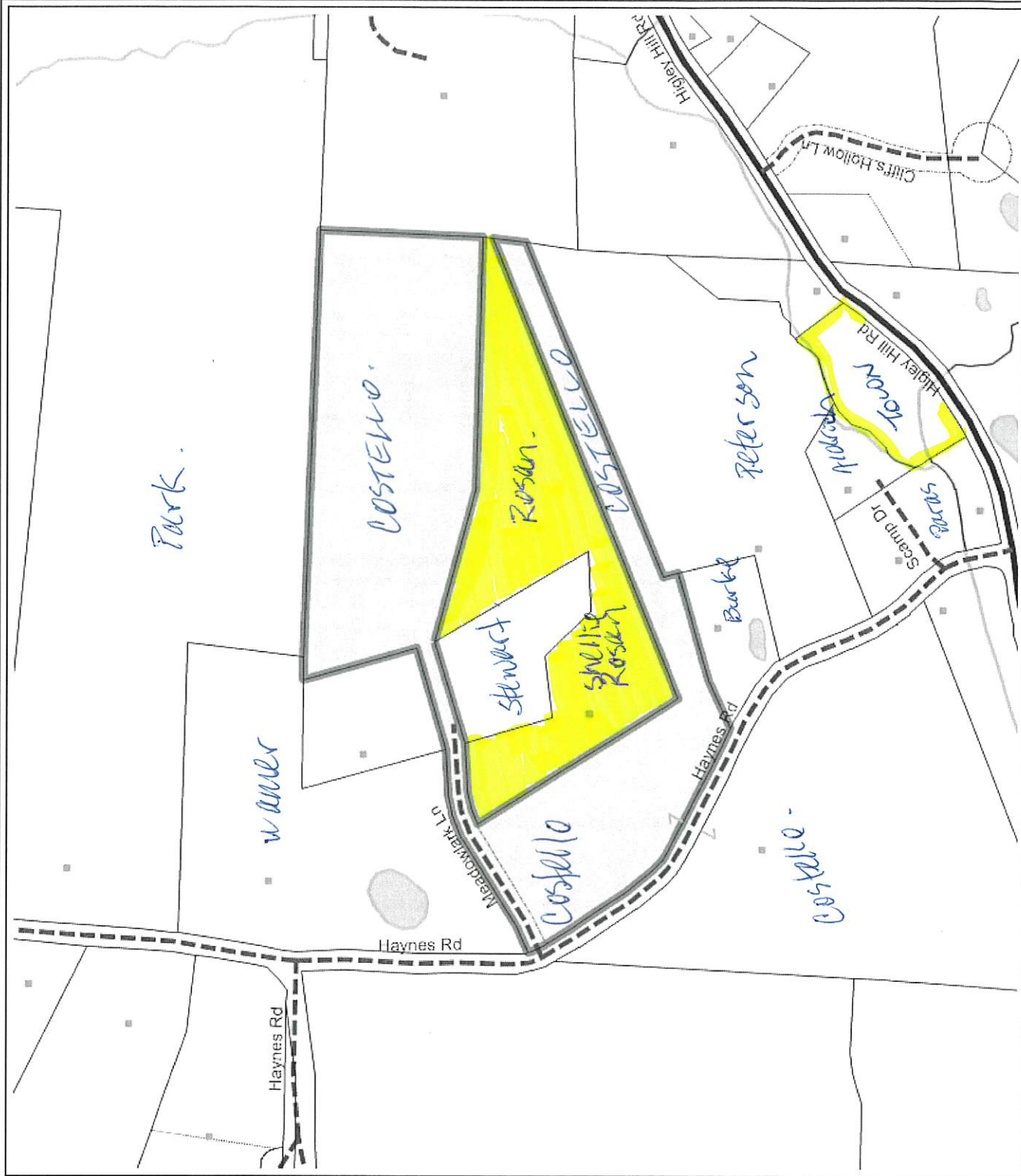
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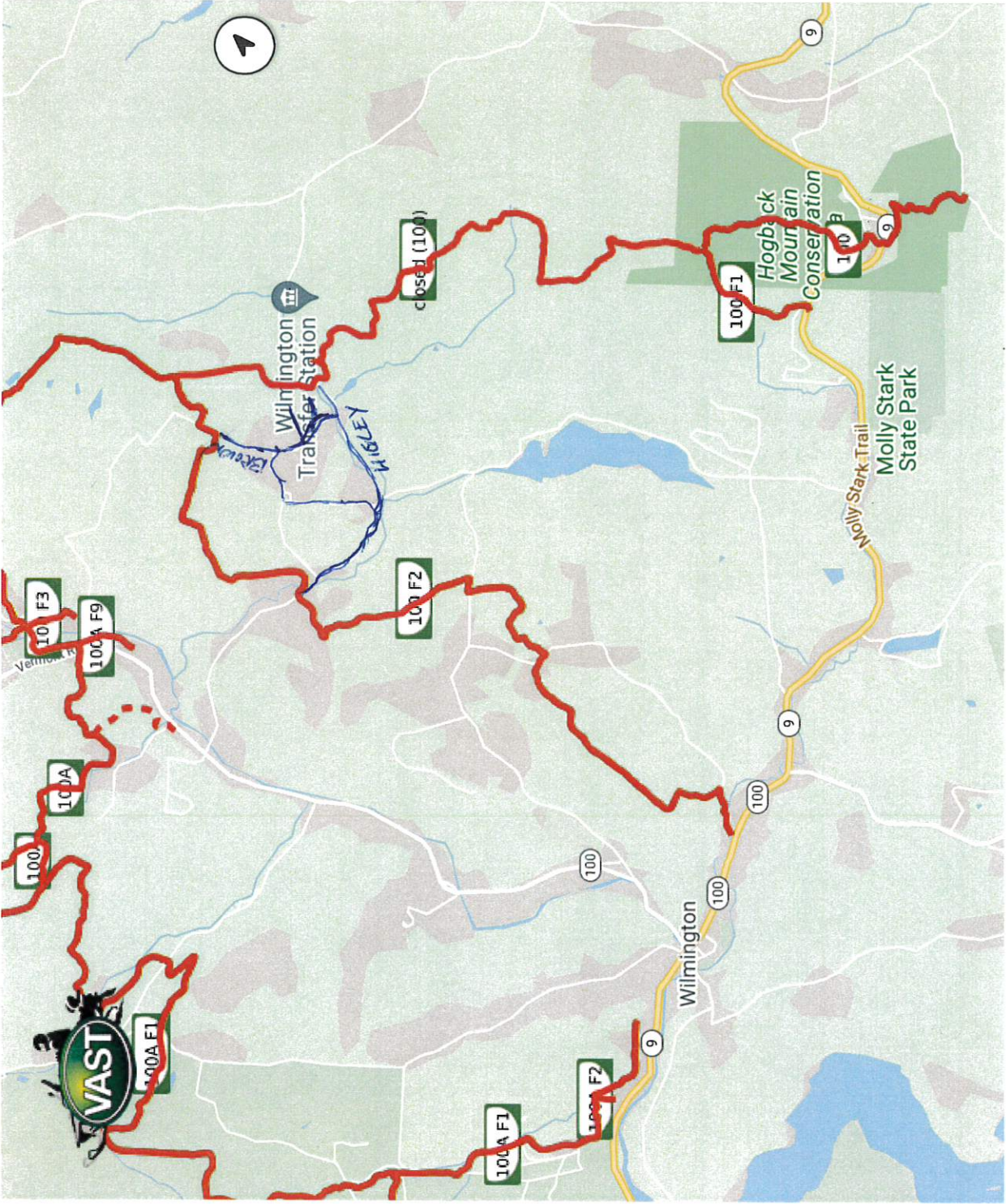


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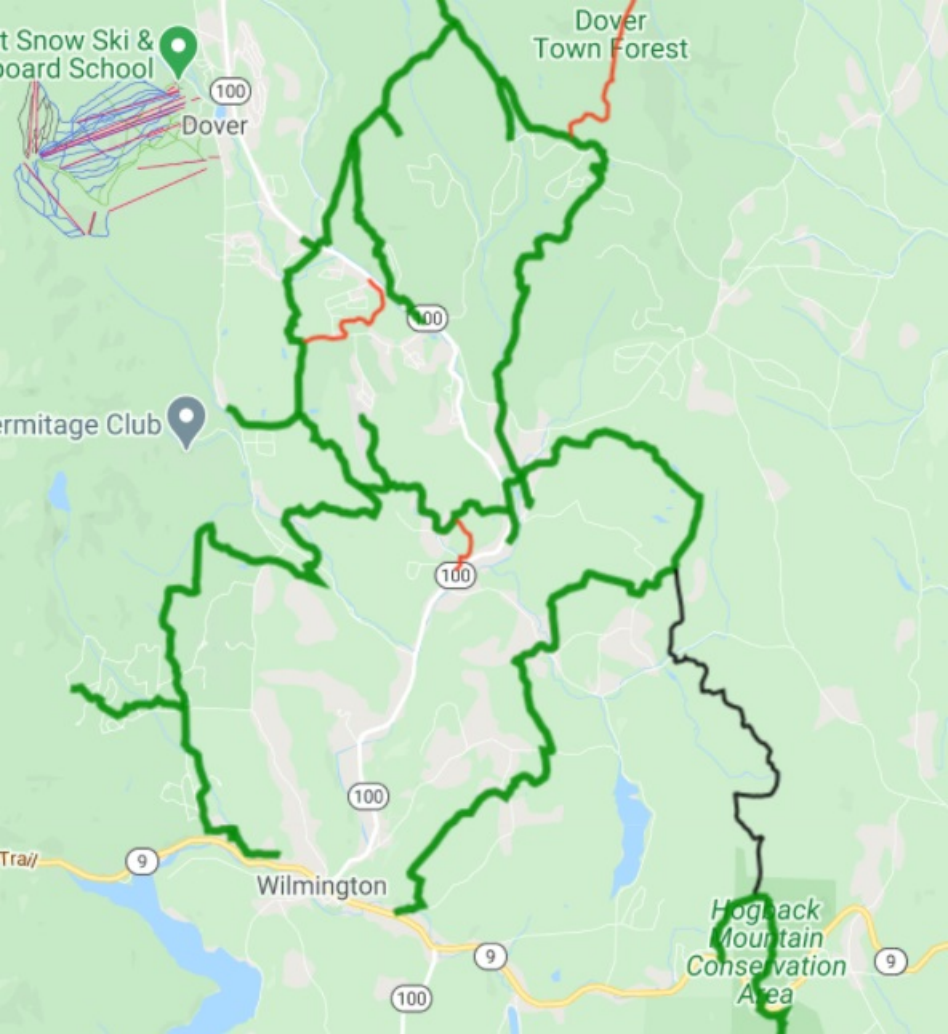












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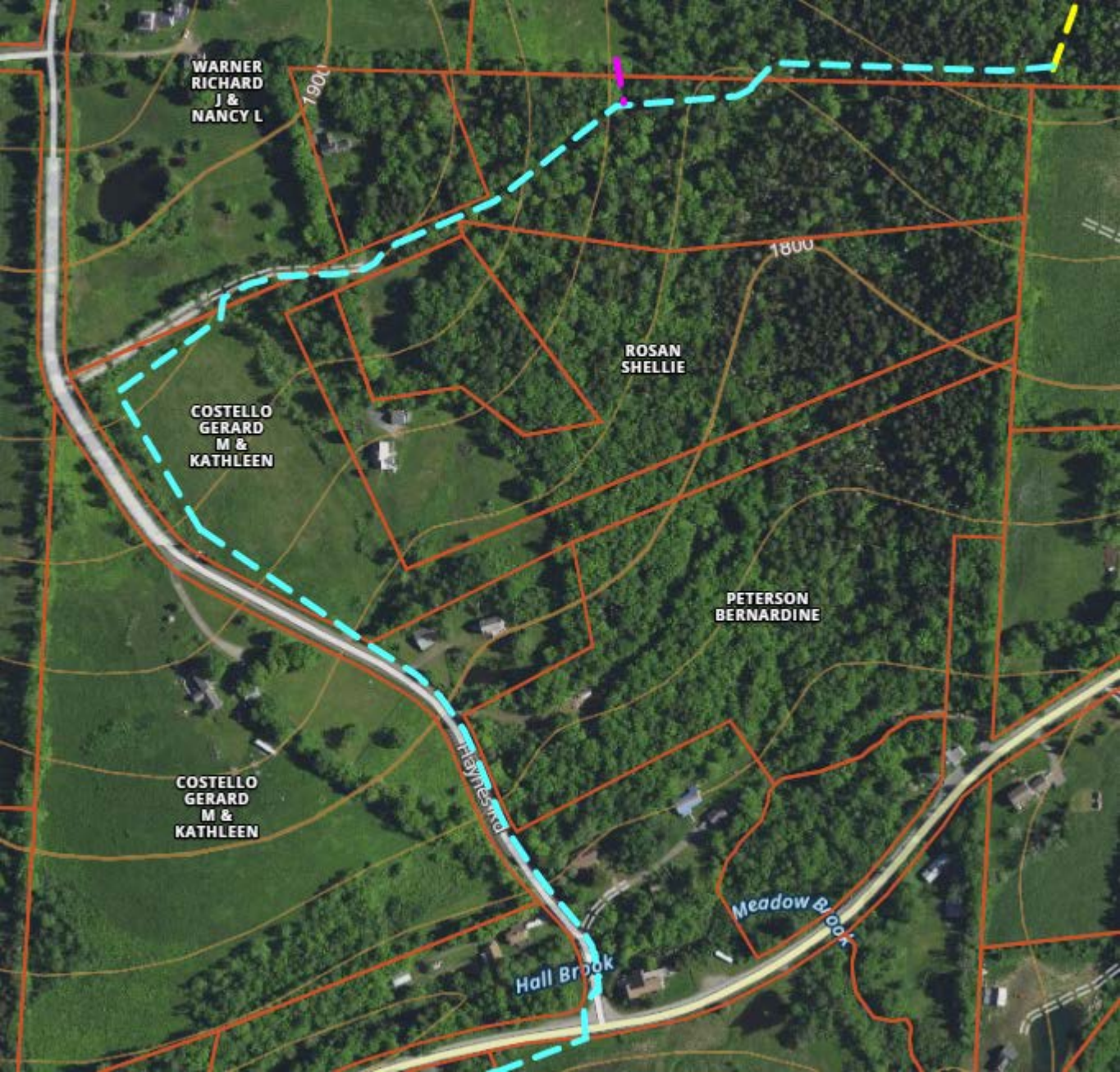
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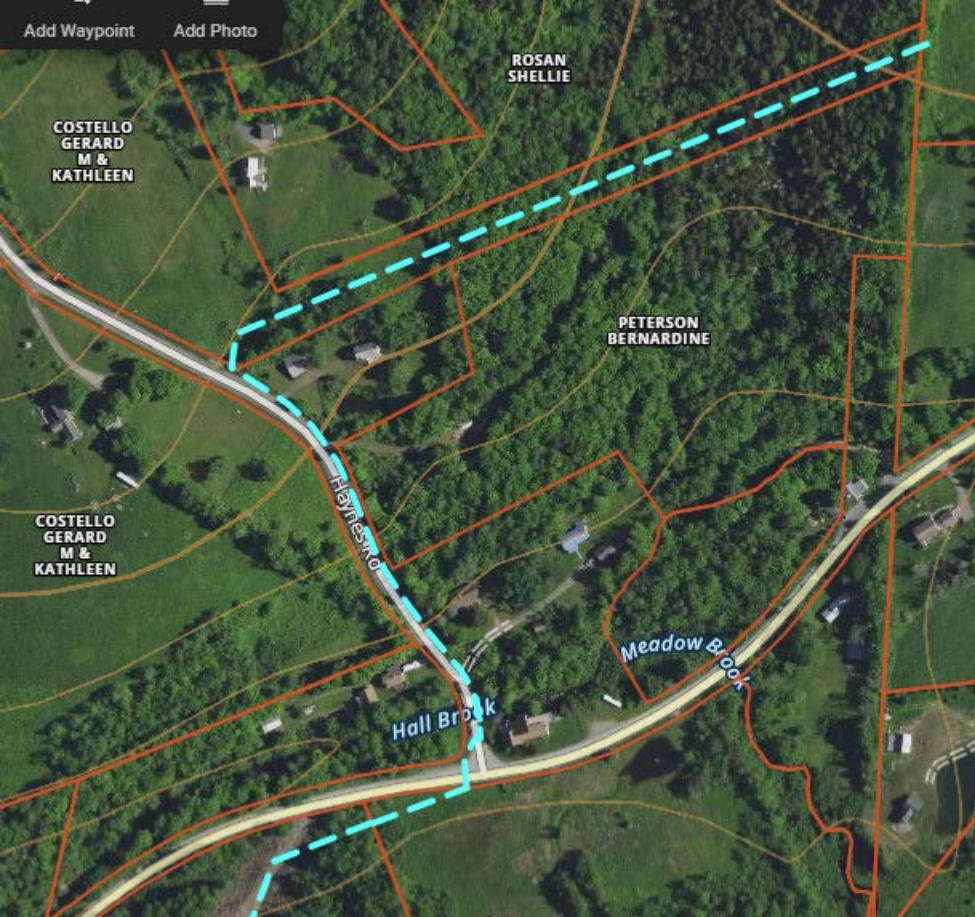
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Re: Application of DVSJ to Use Haynes Road

Dear Sirs/Mesdames::

My wife Andrea and I own the property located at 234 Haynes Road. Yesterday it came to our attention that the Selectboard is scheduled to entertain a request by the Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club to allow snowmobiles to use a portion of Haynes Road to gain access to private property where permission has been given for snowmobile use.

I have just had an opportunity to review the request, which describes a route of 700 feet from Higley Hill Road onto Haynes Road a distance of 700 feet to the Costello property, which is adjacent to ours. We have also just been forwarded a copy of an email dated October 11, 2021, from Lorraine Tully, Secretary of DVSJ, to what appears to be several property owners that poles and ropes were being installed on the Costello property. I wish to make clear to the board our strong concerns about this request.

First, I do not understand why we, as owners of this property for more than 25 years, were not notified, directly and timely, of the Club's intention to make this request or of the Board's intention to hear it. It is literally impossible for us at this point to conduct the proper investigation and gather the necessary information to make a fully informed judgment about this request. However, we do not need complete information to be extremely concerned about the request and the effect that opening Haynes Road for this use will have on our enjoyment of the property and its value.

The area is rural, but residential, from Higley Hill Road to the top of Haynes Road and beyond. That includes pets, grandchildren as well as adults who will be subjected to the density and noise of snowmobile traffic on an otherwise quiet thoroughfare. How dense, and how noisy, are open questions since we have no idea of the use that is projected by the club or expected by the board.

There is also, frankly, a safety issue. The concrete bridge on Haynes Road near the



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intersection with Higley Hill Road (which, if I recall correctly, collapsed a couple of years ago) is narrow, and hardly looks appropriate for sharing by weekend snowmobile traffic and motor vehicles.

It is my understanding that the Board has granted this request in the past - also unknown to us - although no action had been taken to put the road to use. Ms. Tully's email makes clear the Club's intention to use it this season. I respectfully request that the Board refrain from taking any action on this request until it - and the property owners who will be impacted - are supplied with information concerning the volume and hours of use projected by the Club in order to allow a proper evaluation of its merits.

I would appreciate it if the minutes reflect the submission of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,  
BURKE & POTENZA

*/s/ John Burke*  
JOHN BURKE

JB/ms



**From:** Donna Wasserman <[donnawass3@gmail.com](mailto:donnawass3@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Re: FW: Agendas for the Week of November 15th

Hi Scott,

Thank you for providing a copy of the Stump Jumper's request. I still object to the use of public roads for machines that are designed for off road use. The crossing at Higley Hill Road onto Haynes Road over the small narrow bridge in the winter up to the Costello's property still is a hazard. Again, when there is a lot of snow, cars drive in the middle of this road. If snow machines are traveling in either direction and meet a car/truck traveling at 40 mph+, because that's what they do up here, there is going to be an accident. This is a major safety risk and should not be allowed.

-Snow machines are off-road vehicles and should not be allowed to endanger the public on public roads, especially in the middle of the winter when the road up here is narrowed by snowfall and snow pushbacks.

-It is painfully obvious that the Stump Jumpers go from bar to bar drinking. It's inappropriate for them to expect to be driving their machines on public roads while potentially intoxicated.

-I again, strongly object to the Stump Jumpers using any portion of Brown Road between the stop sign at the intersection of Brown/Haynes and the VAST trail access just north of this intersection. It is a blind hill from the stop sign to the crest of the hill at my driveway. All year long, cars drive in the middle of the road. Again, this is a terrible risk to take. There will be a serious accident as this spot narrows significantly with all the snow.

I really appreciate your help with this. Please feel free to reach back out to me if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe,  
Donna Wasserman