

Town of Hardwick – Selectboard

Findings of Fact and Decision Regarding Discontinuance of Town Highway 316

Hearing Date: October 16, 2025

Decision Date: November 6, 2025

1. Background / Procedural History

On August 21, 2025, the Hardwick Selectboard adopted a resolution to initiate the discontinuance of Town Highway 316 (TH316), a minor segment extending from North Main Street to the terminus at 283 North Main Street. Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 709, notice was provided to all abutting landowners, the Planning Commission, and other interested parties. A site visit and public hearing were held on October 16, 2025.

2. Findings of Fact

1. Town Highway 316 is approximately 0.03 miles in length and terminates at a private driveway.
2. The road segment has not been maintained by the Town for more than 15 years.
3. No public utilities or municipal infrastructure are located within the segment.
4. The area is primarily used for private residential access.
5. Abutting landowners were duly notified and given the opportunity to testify.
6. No evidence was presented to show ongoing public necessity or convenience for the highway.

3. Conclusions

Based on the findings above, the Selectboard concludes that Town Highway 316 no longer serves a public good, necessity, or convenience as defined under 19 V.S.A. § 717, and therefore should be discontinued as a Town Highway.

4. Decision

The Hardwick Selectboard hereby votes to discontinue Town Highway 316 as described in these findings, and directs that the road be removed from the Town Highway Map and Certificate of Highway Mileage.

5. Road Description

The segment to be discontinued begins at its intersection with North Main Street and extends approximately 0.03 miles east to its terminus at 283 North Main Street.

6. Damages

The Selectboard finds no evidence of compensable damages resulting from this discontinuance and awards no damages to any party.

7. Signatures

Adopted this 6th day of November, 2025

Chair, Hardwick Selectboard

Selectboard Member

Selectboard Member

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Attest: _____
Town Clerk