

**MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN HIGHWAY 316 (TH316)
5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025
283 NORTH MAIN STREET
HARDWICK, VT 05843**

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane - *Absent*
Shari Cornish
Tim Ricciardello
Danny Hale-*Absent*

Others Present

David Upson, Town Manager
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator

Others Present

Dean LaFont
Tyler Lebeau

Public Hearing

5:30 P.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the Public Hearing to order.

5:30 P.M. Item #1 Select Board Chair to give reason for the hearing

On August 21, 2025, the Hardwick Selectboard adopted a resolution to initiate the discontinuance of Town Highway 316 (TH316), a short segment approximately 0.03 miles in length that extends from North Main Street to the terminus at 283 North Main Street. The segment ends at a private driveway and has not been maintained by the Town for over 15 years. It contains no public utilities or municipal infrastructure and is primarily used for private residential access. In accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 709, notice of the proposed discontinuance was duly provided to all abutting landowners, the Planning Commission, and other interested parties. To date, no testimony or objections have been submitted, and no evidence has been presented demonstrating any ongoing public necessity or convenience for retaining the highway.

The Select Board will add it to the next agenda on November 6 to adopt the discontinuance.

5:33 P.M. Communication/Questions from the Audience- Dean LaFont, the current owner of the property, expressed his support for the discontinuance of this road segment. He is actively pursuing a sale of the property and hopes that the Selectboard's decision will move forward, as the segment is associated with the property. The Selectboard assured Mr. LaFont that if the sale occurs before the scheduled meeting on November 5, 2025, it will not affect the discontinuance process or the sale.

5:36 P.M. With no further comments from anyone, Select Board Chair, Eric Remick, adjourned the Public Hearing.

Minutes taken by: _____
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator

Minutes approved by: _____
Eric Remick, Select Board Chair