



STATE OF VERMONT
DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR
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June 11, 1979

Mr. Paul A. Sargent
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Fairlee, Vermont 05045

Dear Paul:

Per our recent conversations and your letter of June 4th, I am submitting the following opinion of your so-called Range 9 Pent Road in the Town of Fairlee leading from the road around the back side of Lake Morey to the Harry Holland development.

Per our on-site inspection of this section of highway, my opinion is that this highway fits the description of a typical Class 4 Town Highway and appears to provide typical access to timberland over a roadway that would be stable for loads when frozen and/or possibly dry. The roadway is narrow and has very steep slopes with no ditches, no drainage system, and no gravel base nor surface. In order to utilize this highway for year-round use, which would include snow removal of course in winter, I would recommend that it be widened, that guardrail be installed along the steep fill slope sides, that ditches be installed with cross culverts for drainage at least every 200 feet, and that a road surface be constructed by placing at least 12 inches of gravel base with 3 inches of crushed gravel surface.

If one were to make the minimum improvements to this section of highway approximately 0.4 to 0.5 mi. long so that it could be utilized on a year-round basis, my "ballpark" estimate would be that one should anticipate spending at least \$40,000.

Hopefully, this gives you sufficient information for your preliminary considerations. This is considering an improved roadway that is approximately the same width as it is at present, that is 16 to 18 feet wide, and a minimum expenditure on one short section of guardrail. One should also keep in mind the winter maintenance costs, especially for sanding operations.

If a more detailed estimate is required or if a project is seriously contemplated for this section, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,


J. A. Bassett

District Transportation Administrator

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