

## BLANCHARD ROAD

(Northwest Road, Emery Road, Brackett's Road)

To the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth regularly assembled at their annual March Meeting 1774-

Gentlemen: Upon the request of Benjamin Buxton and others we proceeded to lay them out a road which is bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at the lower corner of Hundred Acre Lot No. 71 West side of Royals River. Thence North 45 Degrees West 25 Rods. Thence North 56 Rods. Thence North 20 Degrees West 20 Rods. Thence North 53 Degrees West 12 Rods. Thence West 16 Rods. Thence North 65 Degrees West 34 Rods to the upper corner of above said Lot No. 71. Said road to be four Rods wide, and the above mentioned stations are in the middle of said road. We think it reasonable to allow Dr. Ammi Ruhamah Cutter of Portsmouth One Pound, and also the Range Way on the West end of his lot for his damage, as said road goes the whole width 130 Rods through his lot, and takes three Acres and 1/4 of his land for said road. All which is humbly submitted.

Pr. Jonathan Mitchell, Solomon Loring-Selectmen  
Recorded pr. David Mitchell, Town Clerk

(North Yarmouth Road Vol. I,  
Records Page 23)

April 11, 1774

Town Meeting voted that above report be recorded and accepted.

(North Yarmouth Town Meeting  
Records Vol. I,  
Page 330)

March 18, 1784

The following is what we report concerning roads:

In the second range way from Falmouth laid out a road from Thomas Pratts (Lot 72) to the upper part of Paul Prince, Jr.'s land (Lots 54 and 55) said road to be four rods wide.

Eliphalet Greely, Samuel York-Selectmen  
Recorded pr. David Mitchell, Town Clerk

(North Yarmouth Road Records,  
Vol. I, P. 30)

April 5, 1784

Town Meeting voted to accept and record the report on four different roads laid out.

(North Yarmouth Town Meeting Minutes,  
Vol. I, pg. 523)

November 11, 1790

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth:  
We the Subscribers, have laid out a road bounded as follows:

Beginning at the north corner of land now owned by Paul Prince, Jr., which corner is supposed to be on a course of North 45 Degrees West and 50 Rods distance from the most easterly corner of one hundred aced Lot No. 55 on the West side of Royall's River in said North Yarmouth. Thence running north 45 degrees West 108 Rods to a Spruce tree standing in the range line. Thence North 14 degrees West 17 Rods, thence North 4 degrees, East 52 Rods. Thence North 24 degrees West 29 Roads. Thence North 3 degrees West 15 Rods. Thence North 8 degrees East 16 Rods. Thence North 47 degrees West 20 Rods. Thence North 57 degrees West 35 Rods. Thence North 47 degrees West 15 Rods. Thence North 16 degrees West 22 Rods ( a place known by the name of Gurneys is here at this station). Thence North 49 degrees West 116 Rods, or until it meets with the line running between what is called the First Propriety and what is called the Second Propriety Gore in North Yarmouth. Said road is four Rods in width, lying on the North side of the above bounds and stations. All which is humbly submitted.

David Jones, Eliphalet Greely, Samuel Merrill-  
Selectmen

Recorded by David Mitchell, Town Clerk  
(North Yarmouth Road Records,  
Vol. II, Pg. 5)

May 26, 1794

Town Meeting Voted that the above report be accepted and recorded and that Col. Blanchard be allowed the rangeway at the Southwesterly end of his Lot No. 77 in full, for damages for the road's going through said Lot.

(North Yarmouth Meeting Records,  
Vol. II, pg. 114)

March 16, 1797

Warrant, 8th Article: To see if the Town will allow Ozni Harris anything for what land the town road takes off Lot No. 55.

April 10, 1797

Town Meeting Voted that Town will not allow Ozni Harris any compensation for the road going through his land.

April 16, 1798

Warrant, 12th Article: Request of Ozni Harris and others relative to a road going through Lot No. 55 to see if the town will allow pay for land taken therefor, or discontinue said road.

June 4, 1798

Town Meeting Voted to dismiss the 12th Article.

February 24, 1882

Warrant, 11th Article: To see if the town will purchase a piece of land of H. Easton for the benefit of the road.

March 6, 1882

Town Meeting Voted to instruct the Selectmen to purchase a piece of road of H. Eaton, not to exceed \$8. for one acre for benefit of road.

February 20, 1891

Warrant, 26th Article: To see if the town will buy land of H. Eaton to remedy road near Cumberland Fair Grounds.

March 3, 1891

Town Meeting Voted to instruct the Selectmen to purchase a piece of land of H. Eaton for road purposes, not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars.

February 23, 1926

Warrant, 38th Article: If Town will vote to blast out ledges in Blanchard Road opposite residences of O.S. Thomas, Walter Barter, O.E. Kemp and Ernest Farr.

40th Article: If Town will raise \$500. to gravel impassable in spring sections of Blanchard Road.

58th Article: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install street lights on Blanchard Road beginning at where lights now stop and extending in a northwesterly direction to opposite the West Cumberland Fair Grounds and raise money for the same.

March 2, 1926

Town Meeting Voted to appropriate \$300. for ledge work (Article 38).

On 40th Article, Town Meeting Voted to raise \$300.

Town Meeting Voted to dismiss Article 58.

March 6, 1928

Town Meeting Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350. to remove the ledge and straighten the highway in front of the residence of W.H. Barter on Blanchard Road.

June 8, 1928

Pursuant to petition of Cumberland Selectmen dated September 14, 1926, to redefine Blanchard Road from Cumberland Center to Ridge Road, the County Commissioners adjudged the boundaries of said highway doubtful, uncertain or lost, and proceeded to locate and define the boundaries of said highway. (See County Commissioners Records, Vol. 19, p. 398; also Plan Book 5, p. 3; court docket no. 432).

November 4, 1931

County Commissioners dismissed the Cumberland Municipal Officers' petition to redefine Blanchard Road from Ridge Road to the West line of the Cumberland Farmers Club, the petitioners having found that the Town holds title by deed. (See Petition of Jordan et al., court docket No. 541, in closed drawer of County Engineer's Office, under June Term, 1931).

1947 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported shoulders removed "from Gurney School to George Emery's Road" and ditches put in.

1948 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge below fair grounds rebuilt.

March 1, 1954

Town Meeting authorized installation of street lights.

1956 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge replanked and small culverts replaced.

March 5, 1971

Town Meeting Voted to dismiss Article 23 seeking funds to commence construction of Blanchard Road Bridge near the fairgrounds.

July 6, 1971

Special Town Meeting Voted funds to cover the costs of replacing Blanchard Road bridge (Article 2).

March, 1972

Town Meeting Voted money to reconstruct Prince Bridge on Blanchard Road (Article 20).