

CROSS ROAD

LENGTH: 2,012' (.38 MILES)

WIDTH: 20'

APRIL 25, 1857

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Cumberland, on the application of Isaac O. Pearson and others to lay out a Town Way in said Town for the use of said Town, beginning at a point on the Range Road near the house of Peter Merrill in said Town, having given seven (7) days notice of our intention to lay out the same and stated in said notice in two public places in said Town, in the vicinity of the proposed route, to wit, at the store of N.L. Humphrey and at the store of Reuel Merrill in said Town, on the 18th day of April, and having met at the time and place appointed for that purpose, and having personally examined the route proposed are of the opinion that there is occasion for a public Town Way for the use of said Town as proposed. We, therefore, lay out and report two routes for the action and choice of the Town as follows, to wit:

First, beginning at a point on the line of the County road leading from Cumberland Center to Portland (Main Street), one and a half rods (1 1/2) from the eastern corner of Reuel Merrill's store lot, thence southwest parallel with the Southeast line of Reul Merrill's and Peter Merrill's land to a point on the line of the range way, twenty and one-half (20 1/2) rods.

Second route, beginning at a point on the line of said County Road, one and a half (1 1/2) rods northerly from the line of the K. & P. Railroad, thence southwesterly parallel with the line of said railroad sixteen (16) rods and eighteen (18) links to a point on the line of said range way, the lines described to be the middle of the highway and the highway to be three (3) rods wide.

And we award the owner of the land over which the road passes for damages as follows, to wit;

For the land over which the road passes on the first named route, seventy-five (\$75.) dollars; for the land in the last named route, sixty (\$60.) dollars; to be paid by said Town; which such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements have been filed with the Town Clerk on the twenty fifth (25th) day of April, being seven (7) days before this meeting. And we now report such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements of the same to said Town at a meeting of the Inhabitants particularly warned and notified for them to accept and allow the same.

Given under our hands this 25th day of April, A.D., 1857
J.N. Rideout, N.L. Humphrey - Selectmen

APRIL 25, 1857

Warrant, 2nd Article: To hear the report of the Selectmen on laying out a Town Way on application of Isaac O. Pearson and others, beginning at a point on the range way near the house of Peter Merrill and ending at a point on the County Road leading from Cumberland Center to Portland near the store of Reuel Merrill, and act thereon.

MAY 4, 1857

Town Meeting voted not to accept report of the Selectmen laying a Town Way, agreeable to the request of Isaac O. Pearson and others.

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen, laying a road agreeable to request Isaac O. Pearson and others.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1857

Upon the petition of Issac O. Pearson and others for a Town Way from the Southwest Range Road near the house of Peter Merrill northeast on the County Road leading by Cumberland Center to Portland near the store of Captain Reuel Merrill, the County Commissioner's adjudged the route prayed for to be required by common convenience and necessity and allowed the Town of Cumberland one half year within which to open and make said road safe and convenient for travelers, horses, teams, carts, and carriages.

(Record of this proceeding appears in County Commissioner's Records Vol. II, Page 49)

SEPTEMBER 7, 1857

Warrant, 2nd Article: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to open and make the road by them laid out and approved by the County Commissioner's, near Reuel Merrill's store; also to pay the land damage and all other expenses on said road.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1857

Town Meeting voted that the Selectmen be authorized to settle with Captain Morton for land for a road, not exceeding one hundred (\$100.) dollars and that they cause said road to be built.