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Court of the General Sessions of the Peace, January Term, 1794

On petition of Jonathan Ross and a number of others, the Court determines it to be of common convenience and necessity to have a highway laid out from the County Road at Walnut Hill (in North Yarmouth) to the lower bridge on the Presumpscot River.

Court of the General Sessions of the Peace, January Term, 1796

The return of the committee appointed to lay out the above highway is hereby accepted, allowed, and ordered to be recorded, and afterwards known as a public highway.

(Note: The record of the entire proceeding including the committee's return is in the County Commissioner's Records, Vol. II, Page 443.)

September 24, 1796

Warrant, 2nd Article: To see if the Town will appoint an agent or agents to agree with Levi Loring, Nathaniel Blanchard, Samuel York, Benjamin Sweetzer, James Prince and Ebenezer Blanchard that the locating the way leading from Walnut Hill to Presumpscot and estimating the damages done to their estates by said way running through the same shall be done by a new committee instead of a jury, agreeably to their petition to the Court of Sessions, and act anything respecting said petition and the order of Court thereon as shall then be thought best.

October 6, 1796

Town Meeting Voted Asa Lewis be an agent on the part of the Town to agree with Levi Loring and others relative to a committee upon a County Road running through their land agreeable to an order of Court and the 2nd Article in the Warrant.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace, January Term, 1797

On the petition of Levi Loring, Nathaniel Blanchard, Samuel York, Benjamin Sweetser, James Prince and Ebenezer Blanchard, the Jury's verdict that the road within mentioned be established, as laid out by the within named [committee] and. . . assess damages to be paid to Benjamin Sweetser, in the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.) and costs, and...that the other complainants are not injured by the location of the road--is accepted by the Court.

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(Note: The record of the proceeding appears in the County Commissioner's Records, Vol. II, page 474)

January 19, 1797

Warrant, 5th Article: Request of Samuel York to see if the Town will allow him any compensation for the County Road going through his land and act on that matter.

February 6, 1797

Town Meeting Voted Samuel York twenty (\$20.) dollars compensation for the County Road going through his land.

March 16, 1797

Warrant, 7th Article: To see if the Town will allow Levi Loring and James Prince any sum of money for the County Road going through their land.

April 10, 1797

Town Meeting Voted Loring and Prince twenty (\$20.) dollars each for the County Road going through their land.

September 22, 1797

Warrant, 3rd Article: Request of Benjamin Sweetser relative to obtaining from this town the damages awarded by the late Jury for the County Road going through his land.

October 9, 1797

Town Meeting Voted to pay Sweetser one hundred (\$100.) dollars in part for damages awarded him for the County Road going through his land.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace, February Term, 1802

The Committee appointed some years since to lay out a new road from Portland to Hallowell are discharged by the Court, and the following persons are appointed for the purpose, viz., Nathaniel Allen and others.

[County Commissioner's Records, Vol. III,
Page 177]

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February 3, 1803

Warrant, 2nd Article: To choose an agent to appear before the next Court of the General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Portland for the February Term, 1803, to oppose the acceptance of the report of the Committee to lay out a road from Portland to Hallowell as far as it respects this Town which was made last term and stands continued over to the next.

February 14, 1803

Town Meeting appointed Ammi Mitchell the agent.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace, February Term, 1803

(Note: The report accepted at this Term laid out a road from Walnut Hill in North Yarmouth north through Freeport and Durham to Hallowell. Route 9 through Cumberland [Main Street and Longwoods Road] was not affected by the Court's action.)

[County Commissioner's Records, Vol. III., Page 224]

March 12, 1803

Warrant, To see if the Town will make application to the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Portland on the third (3rd) Tuesday of June next to obtain a Committee to view the road as laid out by the Committee to lay out a road from Walnut Hill in North Yarmouth to. . . Presumpscot Bridge in one direction and from said Range C, in the road as it is now used through North Yarmouth by Gooch's Mills to Presumpscot Bridge and report at the next term of the Sessions their opinion of making any alteration in the way as all ready laid out, and if any, the propriety of traveling the last mentioned route.

April 4, 1803

Town Meeting Voted Ammi R. Mitchell, Esq., the agent.

(Note: There is no record of such an application in the Records of the Court of General Sessions dating from 1802 through 1807.)

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August 8, 1821

Warrant, 2nd Article: To take into consideration the petition of Nathaniel Lufkin and fifty-six (56) others dated at North Yarmouth, April 17, 1821, presented to the Court of Sessions begun and holden at Portland in and for the County of Cumberland on the 27th day of March A.D., 1821, and by adjournment on the 24th day of April, 1821, praying said Court to lay a County Road from the mouth of the Hallowell Road so called, near Weeks Tavern in North Yarmouth, thence through this town of a southerly course to Bucknam Tavern in Falmouth and also take into consideration the order of the Court of Sessions on the above petition and act on the same as shall then be thought best.

August 27, 1821

Town Meeting Voted the Selectmen and Town Clerk as a Committee to use all possible means to prevent a road being laid through this Town as contemplated by Nathaniel Lufkin and others.

December 3, 1821

Warrant, 4th Article: To see if the Town will petition the General Court to alter the law concerning county roads and subject the County to pay all damages that may be awarded individuals for any county roads that may have already been located and shall hereafter be accepted by the Court of Sessions and also for all other county roads that may hereafter be located and accepted by said Court.

December 17, 1821

Town Meeting Voted that the Selectmen prefer a petition to the Legislature to alter the law respecting county roads, and that the same be left discretionary with the Representative.

February 23, 1822

Warrant, 4th Article: To see if the Town will take any further measures to prevent the Court of Sessions accepting the road that was laid through this Town the last fall by the request of Nathaniel Lufkin and others.

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Court of Sessions, March Term, 1822

On the petition of Nathaniel Lufkin and others, presented to the Court at the March Term, 1821, and the road prayed for having been adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, the Court accepts the report of the Committee appointed to lay out the road and orders that the same be recorded and hereafter known as a public highway, and also orders that the towns through which said road passes pay to the several persons therein named the several sums awarded them by the Committee in full for the same and further order that said way be made in twelve (12) months.

(A record of the preceeding including a description of the road appears in the County Commissioner's Records, Vol. IV, page 292).

March 18, 1822

Town Meeting Voted that the Selectmen prepare a remonstrance against the road which was located through this town and cause the same to be presented to the Court of Sessions.

August 21, 1822

Warrant, 2nd Article: To receive from the Selectmen the report of a road laid out by them at the request of Jeremiah Blanchard, Esq. and others cornering near the house of Moses Stubbs from thence in a southerly direction to Falmouth line, and accept of the same if thought best provided the Court of Sessions will accept the same as a substitute for the one laid out from Joshua Haskell to the place where this shall intersect that.

Warrant, 3rd Article: To choose a committee of agents to petition the Court of Sessions for the above purpose or any other way that may be thought best for the discontinuance of the road laid out by them from Joshua Haskell's to Falmouth line.

September 9, 1822

Town Meeting Voted to dismiss the second article in the Warrant.

Also Voted that Jonathan Greely be agent on behalf of the town to attend the Court of Sessions to use all honorable means for the discontinuance of the road located through this town the last fall, as prayed for by Nathaniel Lufkin and others.

February 15, 1823

Warrant, 3rd Article: To consider what is best to be done about a road that was located through this town in 1821 and accepted by the Court of Sessions in March, 1822, and act on the same as shall be thought best.

March 3, 1823

Town Meeting Voted that the town petition the Court of Sessions through their agent Jonathan Greely to discontinue the road located through this town in 1821 and accepted by the Court of Sessions in 1823.

Also Voted that if the Court of Sessions will not discontinue the located road the agent offer the route commencing near the house of Moses Stubbs as a substitute.

Court of Sessions, April Term, 1823

On petition of Samuel Bacon, complaining that the time allowed the towns of North Yarmouth, Cumberland and Falmouth to make and open the road has elapsed, the Court appoints a Committee to enter into contracts for making said highway.

(County Commissioner's Records, Vol. IV,
Page 378.)

April 27, 1823

Warrant, 4th Article: To raise a sum of money to be expended in labor and materials on the new road laid out through this town by order of the Court of Sessions beginning near the north corner of Joshua Haskell's farm to Falmouth line on the farm of Benjamin Sanborn's; and appoint one or more agents to superintend the business and make the road passable by the last of September next.

May 5, 1823

Town Meeting Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen relative to a road laid out by them cornering near the house of Moses Stubbs.

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[Note: The Selectmen's Report of the courses and distances of this road is not set out, as this is the same road presented to the Court of Sessions at the April Term, 1824, and discussed below.]

June 9, 1823

Town Meeting Voted that Jeremiah Blanchard, Esq., agent for the Town, take charge of the order of notice served on the Town by the Clerk of Sessions and take any measure relative to a road accepted through this Town by said Court as he may think proper for the interest of the Town.

July 7, 1823

Town Meeting Voted that if any person is dissatisfied with the report of the Selectmen for the damages of a road laid out by them from Moses Stubbs to Falmouth line and accepted by the Town, an application of any or all of them that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to refer the same to a Committee to be mutually chosen by the parties, the award to be final, the expense to be paid by the party that does not prevail in the award.

Also Voted to raise the sum of twelve hundred (\$1,200.) dollars to make the new road through this Town.

Also Voted that the price of labor be twelve cents and a half ($12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$) per hour for men and the same for oxen on the new road.

Also Voted that one quarter of the sum raised to make the new road be under the direction of the Selectmen.

Also Voted that Major Edward Allen and Captain Israel True be agents to provide materials and superintend the making of the new road.

Also Voted to commence the making of the new road on the eighteenth of August next.

Also Voted to raise the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.) dollars to pay the damages awarded to Moses Stubbs and others for the road passing through their land and other expenses.

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Court of Sessions, September Term, 1823

Jeremiah Blanchard filed petition on behalf of the Inhabitants of Cumberland for a new road beginning in the road located on the petition of Nathaniel Lufkin, et.al. 43 rods from the Falmouth line and running to the County Road near the dwelling house of Moses Stubbs; then again beginning in the County Road about one and a half (1½) miles from said Stubbs' and running north to the Greely Road, and also praying that the residue of the road located on the petition of Lufkin et.al., saving the 43 rods, be discontinued, the Court adjudge the road prayed for to be of common convenience and necessity and appoint a committee to lay out such highway.

Court of Sessions, April Term, 1824

The Court accepts the return of the Committee and order that the same be recorded and hereafter to be known as a public highway, and further order that the residue of a road accepted on petition of Nathaniel Lufkin et al. be discontinued.

[The record of this proceeding is in the County Commissioner's Records, Vol. V, page 49.]

August 29, 1825

Warrant, 2nd Article: Request of James Prince to see if the Town will petition the Court of Sessions next to be holden to discontinue that part of the new County Road passing through his land.

September 12, 1825

Town Meeting Voted to dismiss the second article.

Pursuant to the petition of the Cumberland Municipal Officers, the County Commissioner's found the true boundaries of Main Street including Longwoods Road to be doubtful, uncertain or lost and proceeded to locate and define the boundaries of said highway, sixty (60) feet in width.

[See County Commissioner's Records, Vol. 17, page 317; also Plan Book 4, page 23]

March 3, 1931

Town Meeting Voted to raise five hundred (\$500.) dollars for im-

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proving the County Road from the Maine Central Railroad Station to the Falmouth line. This vote also included an article to see what action the Town would take in regard to raising the road and installing culverts on the Longwoods Road near the residence of F.E. Little and to raise money for the same.

March 1, 1932

The Town Meeting Voted to raise seven hundred fifty (\$750.) dollars for improving the County Road from the Maine Central Railroad Station to the Falmouth line.

March 5, 1935

Town Meeting Voted the amount necessary to continue construction of Longwoods Road to be taken from the Contingent Fund.

March 3, 1936

Town Meeting Voted money to put the road through village from North Yarmouth line to Station in condition for tar; also voted money to match State funds to improve the County Road from Maine Central Railroad Station to Falmouth line.

March 2, 1937

Town Meeting Voted money "to put" the section of old State Aid Road from the end of last year's tarring to the railroad; also voted a sum of money to prepare the road for tar, and more funds if the State provides special resolve funds.

March 1, 1938

Town Meeting Voted money to reconstruct station road from corner of old third-class road to the railroad; also voted money to use with State money on Longwoods Road.

March 5, 1940

Town Meeting Voted money to use with State funds on Longwoods Road.

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1942 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported five hundred (500) feet of Longwoods Road constructed.

March 7, 1944

Town Meeting Voted money to use with State money on Longwoods Road.

1946 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge below Cumberland Center Station replanked.

1950 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge on Station Road rebuilt.

1951 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge rebuilt on Longwoods Road.

1962 Annual Report

Selectmen reported Main Street reconstructed from Library to Turkey Lane; also Noyes Bridge near the Station removed and a large culvert installed.

1966 Annual Report

Selectmen reported Burton Bridge rebuilt this summer.

1967 Annual Report

Selectmen reported construction on the Burton Bridge on Longwoods Road.