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To NH DHR, NH DOT and NPT,

it has come to our attention that the Northern Pass archaeological teams doing the underground surveys along 116 appear to have have trespassed on private and town property.

While working in Franconia, their supervisor was given the attached map of easement widths in Easton. Documentation is from Oscar Jewell's collation of road easement deeds housed at the Archives on Fruit Street, as well as property deeds from the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. NPT/Eversource was provided this information on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as part of a petition for intervention in PUC DE-15-460.

These documents support an easement width of 40' for the portion of Route 116 near the Easton Town Hall, yet pits were dug on both sides of the road, at 11' to 14' beyond the white line at the edge of the pavement. This line is 10' 8" from the centerline, making the pits approximately 2'-5' outside the easement.

Northern Pass has provided no documentation for their claimed easement width of 4-rods throughout Route 116. If Eversource/NPT or DOT has compelling documentation showing a wider easement width, please provide this digitally and in hard copy to the Easton Selectboard. In addition, because landowners own under the road, permission should have been sought even for those excavations done within the easement.

We request that NPT provide landowner permission for work on private and town properties, digitally and in hard copy, to the Selectboard of Easton.

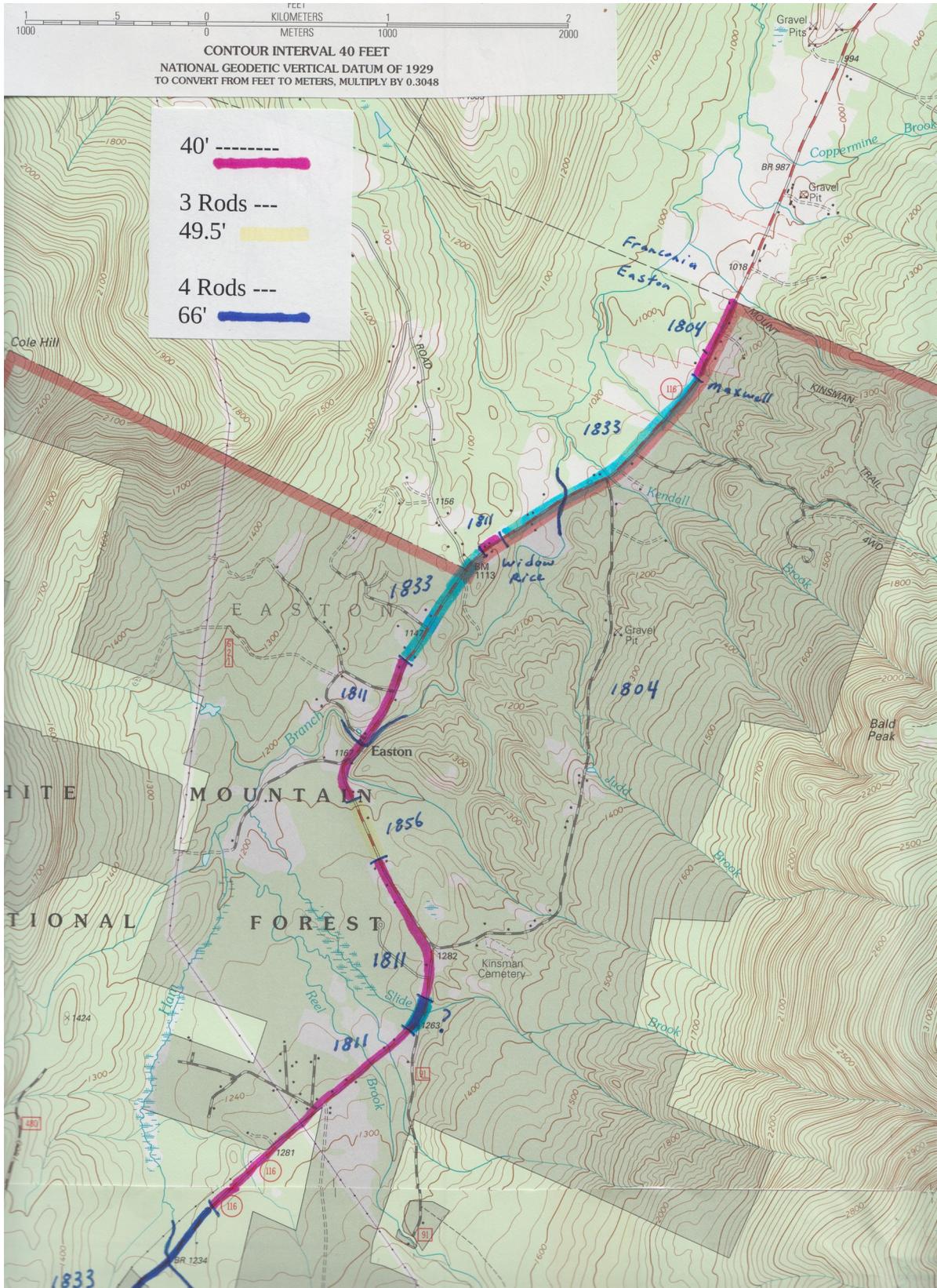
Sincerely,  
Easton Conservation Commission  
Kris Pastoriza, Chair  
Deb Stever  
Finn Goodwin  
Roy Stever  
Carl Lakes  
Steve Sabre

Easton, Route 116 road widths from Franconia border to WMNF boundary.

1804: “Beginning at Franconia Line at a Rock with stones on it thence to a hemlock tree marked thence to a spruce tree marked, thence to a spruce marked, thence to a hemlock stub...” (Book 1 p. 2 Lincoln Town Records) (Part of Easton used to be Lincoln.) (first pink section on map, unspecified width, but Franconia side was 2 rods; 33')

1811: “Description of the road laid out from the road in Lincoln Leading to Franconia to Landaff Line on a direct to Stephen Kinsman Saw Mill (Easton center) beginning at a heap of stones south side of Joshua Kendall's Brook and running southerly on the ridge between the mowing and wood land to the river thence crossing said river following then on or near the spotted line in the best place for a road to Landaff line. **Said road to be considered Forty Feet wide.**” (Book 1, p. 108 Lincoln Town Records) (

1833: “...the northerly line of Landaff (now Easton)... thence on said highway to George Maxwell's house 88 rods, which in our opinion need no alterations, thence leaving said highway at said Maxwell's house and running ... 74 rods...thence... 40 rods, thence ...24 rods, thence....45 rods, thence... 120 rods to intersect the present highway 14 rods northerly of Wid. Rice's house, thence ...14 rods on the present travelled road to Wid. Rice's house, no alterations was deemed necessary, thence... 30 rods, thence...74 rods to intersect the present travelled highway, thence to Joseph Spooner's house **710 rods the highway as now travelled, need, at present in our opinion, no alteration**, thence commencing at said Spooner's house and running...” (Sessions Papers Nov. Term 1833)



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Location of Widow Rice is consistent with Nancy Roys to Samuel Roys, deed 173/450 1843: “Also forty five acres of the northerly part of Lot No. Three, Range first Willard's Survey in Lincoln Gore.”

1856: 3 rod road laid out “at or near the top of the hill between the Henry Hall road (Gibson Rd.) and Sargent Moody's house and near the Judd house, so called (Farrell's) and ending in the old road some 40 rods above said Moody's house at or near a small spruce tree marked.”

“We therefore lay out...commencing at a stake on the west side of the County Road at the top of the hill south of the junction of the Henry Hall road (Gibson Rd.) ...55 rods through swamp land... at the bend of the road westerly of William Shattucks house. ( Book 6, pg. 68 Landaff Town Records)