

Transcription 1-28-2025 Beaver Ridge Road Hearing

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Town of Freedom: My name is Bill Kelly. I'm the town attorney. We're just waiting for Ryan to come back, and then we're gonna get going.

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Town of Freedom: But a couple of

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Town of Freedom: we won't share it back then.

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Town of Freedom: Oh, yeah.

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Town of Freedom: Wendy.

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Town of Freedom: I'll pick the right size room.

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Town of Freedom: So we're here tonight because we're going to have a hearing a bit complicated. But in a way, it's not

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Town of Freedom: so. What I'm gonna do is just give you a brief overview of how we got to be here. And and then the most important thing, frankly.

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Town of Freedom: is when you take all the complicated legal issues that are floating around what's most important are facts.

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Town of Freedom: And really, as the notice said, the important thing for tonight is, if anybody has any particular personal experience

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Town of Freedom: with the Beaver Ridge Road, and really the whole section of it from Greeley road all the way through Deer Hill.

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Town of Freedom: For whatever period of time, however, back in time, you may have personal knowledge.

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Town of Freedom: that'll be important to tell these folks in terms of what the uses have been, what they haven't been. Whether you return back, whether you turn back because there were barriers what your uses were for. So it's it's just sort of a an opportunity tonight, an important one for the select board to gather a lot of information from a lot of people, because, as the notice indicated, whether or not the majority of of

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Town of Freedom: of the Beaver Ridge Road

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Town of Freedom: remains open to the public or not is the subject of a lawsuit that was in the notice. And that's what started this process

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Town of Freedom: not here to argue about the lawsuit or the law. Frankly, because I will tell you it's a complicated area of the law. There's all kinds of different overlays. We've got

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Town of Freedom: a couple different theories one has to do with public use, and one has to do with whether or not the towns put money into the road

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Town of Freedom: that's under a particular statute. If the town doesn't put any money into the road

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Town of Freedom: and doesn't have an intent to keep it. 2 things

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Town of Freedom: then, in those situations that road could be lost depending on

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Town of Freedom: when a 30-year period will expire. So think of it as almost a floating 30-year period. There's a start date when the town stopped putting money into it. And there's an end date.

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Town of Freedom: if that's the case. So that's part of what we're talking

about again, it's about facts, whether whatever theory we're looking at, whether it's common law.

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Town of Freedom: if it's still about facts and

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Town of Freedom: this these folks are here, the select board, because there's a relatively new statute that I've never used, that I don't know any lawyer who has used it.

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Town of Freedom: which replaces an old statute that replaced an older statute or replaced a prior statute. And it's a little confusing because we have to look at all these series of statutes to figure out exactly what law applies depending on when and how the uses and the investment in the road by the town either stopped or didn't stop

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Town of Freedom: again. It's all about facts. What she did or didn't do on the road. We're going to try to do this in a way that's organized and we have tonight as a hearing. It's going to go till 9 o'clock, and then we have another hearing next week on the 4, th next week or 2 weeks on the 4th that will again be an opportunity to continue. And I believe you guys had set the notice up for alphabet

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Town of Freedom: soup for tonight a. Through L last name A through L would be tonight if we get through A through L, and there's time for people whose last names

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Town of Freedom: or the rest of the alphabet.

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Town of Freedom: We certainly continue until 9 o'clock. Why not? Right?

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Town of Freedom: I think that the the point is this isn't a technical meeting. It's a conversational meeting. It's important to understand the facts. Don't be shy about whatever you know, because frankly, it's all important.

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Town of Freedom: But I do want you to. I'm gonna hand these out. I don't have enough copies, but you can. All share

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Town of Freedom: of

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Town of Freedom: this map was prepared by Tyler, and it was attached to the complaint, as was referenced in the notice for this meeting tonight.

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Town of Freedom: and it shows a couple of portions of the

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Town of Freedom: Beaver Hill Road or Beaver Ridge Road, and the important thing to just draw from this map.

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Town of Freedom: which hopefully makes sense. So it shows the Greeley road on one side that shows up to the Sibley Road

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Town of Freedom: left to right, and you'll see the red line portion. So in simple terms, the red line portion

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Town of Freedom: is the portion of the Beaver Ridge Road that the allegation is, or the theory is

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Town of Freedom: that there are no more public rights to use that road.

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Town of Freedom: so that in many respects this red section is really what we want to hear about, but we also want to hear about whole road, because it's all part of one thing

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Town of Freedom: when you make your comments, and we'll have a copy up here as well. If anybody, if there aren't enough to go around, obviously you can start passing those out. We'll have a copy up here as well, in case

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Town of Freedom: somebody doesn't have one share if you can. I think I have 20 of them

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Town of Freedom: so importantly, folks, when you talk about what you have and haven't done. You've been turned away from the rich road, using it.

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Town of Freedom: Be as specific as possible about the section that's on the map here. That's in blue, which there's no dispute, that there's no public rights to use that portion of it.

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Town of Freedom: and the red portion, or even a portion of the red portion, because it's a long way up that road. It's probably 4,000 feet or so that's in dispute. It might even close to 5,000. I don't mind

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Town of Freedom: so that will help the board if you folks could be as specific as possible.

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Town of Freedom: Now, what we're gonna do is one at a time.

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Town of Freedom: and what is important, because we've got a lot of us, and we got a lot to cover. And so

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Town of Freedom: the folks not gonna get into a back and forth with anybody about what you have to say. We're gonna listen. They're gonna listen as well because they're creating a record here of what you have to say tonight.

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Town of Freedom: and

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Town of Freedom: we'll do it one at a time. We'll do it respectfully, and we'll get through both tonight and tomorrow and next week that way.

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Town of Freedom: Once, that's all in. Then the Select Board is gonna have an opportunity of the text. Aren't you all kind of share that much? There's several of them up here. Somebody would like another one.

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Town of Freedom: So we do it that way. And frankly, I think it's gonna be interesting from a historical perspective to hear what you all have to say. Some of you will know a lot because you've lived there, and you might take a few minutes. And that's okay. We're not rushing anybody we'd like to hear what you have to say.

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Town of Freedom: The last thing I'll mention is before we get going

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Town of Freedom: is

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Town of Freedom: I'm going to hand out now an annual report from 1956,

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Town of Freedom: and this from the town meeting, and this was part, has been part of the discussion, and the interesting part of

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Town of Freedom: One of the interesting parts of the case is.

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Town of Freedom: in 1956, there was a public vote and the public vote.

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Town of Freedom: I'll pass the top of him and read it, because it's important to think about what this means.

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Town of Freedom: It's Article 34, and the the the Warrant article said

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Town of Freedom: typical language, to see if the town will vote to discontinue the following roads is town ways

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Town of Freedom: now and forever, but open as public, and there's several roads referenced.

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Town of Freedom: and one of them is, this is Subsection E. I'll pass it around. So article 34. Subsection E from 1954, 54, 56. So what was discontinued here?

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Town of Freedom: Now infernal but open as a public way, was from Ob Wards Obi Wards, 2 discontinued road

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Town of Freedom: over Beaver Hill.

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Town of Freedom: from Ob Wards to discontinued road over Beaver Hill.

I'll pass that around. So if you have a chance to look at that. But that's certainly been an interpretation issue. They all met in 1956. If any of you were there in 1956, probably not.

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Town of Freedom: Finally.

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Town of Freedom: there are some documents that have that been created. That will. We're just gonna put up here as part of the record.

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Town of Freedom: Because there's no dispute that they exist. And there are some letters back and forth

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Town of Freedom: from some of the Hadyniak's to the town, and then from the Hadyniak's and the Select Board to the Municipal Association.

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Town of Freedom: and also from several letters from Brad Mitchell

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Town of Freedom: to the Hadyniak's, or and folks who were living there.

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Town of Freedom: Frankly, the record is a bit all over the place in terms of some of the commentary about whether the road was open when the road was flown, whether they were the select board figured there was still public use there or not.

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Town of Freedom: That'll all be part of the record, and maybe what we can do after tonight is we'll put it up on the website, so you folks will have a chance to see these documents. It's a little awkward to try to pass them all out to everybody and get everybody reading instead of testifying.

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Town of Freedom: So those things will be part of the record as well. And certainly, if any of you, because it's possible. Have any of the town records in your home, or know anyone who was a prior

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Town of Freedom: road commissioner or select board member who might have some records relating to use, and money invested in the road over the years. That'd be good to know one way or the other. If you have anything like that.

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Town of Freedom: So that's just my housekeeping stuff. I think that's

all. I have to start with the other part of the record that we'll have. Anybody would like to see if you can. This was a set of I guess a online survey that was done early on to see what folks had to say about the uses of the Beaver Ridge Road as well as on the front page. Here is a

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Town of Freedom: a summary of what the response is said, okay, so you might have already. So those are um?
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Town of Freedom: No.
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Town of Freedom: Those are the documents that we're starting with. We're hoping to see any other documents. You all may have.
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Town of Freedom: I think if that is okay, unless the board has
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Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) I I just wanted to say also, I know that Bill said that there would be no back and forth with the select board. I'm also gonna ask that there's no back and forth amongst yourselves. I know that we've got a lot of people in this room who might be on opposite sides, who are very passionate about this. And that's not what tonight is, for we just want to hear the facts.
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Town of Freedom: and for my own for me. If you could let me know when you go to speak, if you're in abutter, because I don't know all the abutters, so if you could just announce that when you speak
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00:27:14.380 --> 00:27:30.900

Town of Freedom: and your name, of course, when you go back. (Atty Kelly) I think that's about it. The only thing I'm not going to read it all. But and it's on the website. But one of the interesting things you might want to take a look at is in the notice, because the statute said we had to.
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Town of Freedom: There is a
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Town of Freedom: 5 paragraph the notice. You probably have all seen it. It looks like this, says you're gonna have a hearing and says it's gonna be here. And when
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Town of Freedom: and then on the second page of that, because the statute

said to we had to identify possible outcomes.

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Town of Freedom: What might happen as a result of this meeting

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Town of Freedom: after the Select Board hears what everyone has to say, and reads any documents or photograph or see, looks at photographs, or whatever you have related to the use of the Beaver Ridge Road.

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Town of Freedom: and there's a whole series of what could happen, whether it's going to be a public easement? It isn't. Are they going to be private rights? Maybe. Yes, maybe no, depending on what else happens with private parties. But if you want to take a look at those 5 points in the posted notice, I think it. It fleshes out a little bit about some of the possibilities. Really, the difficulty of what the select boards got in front of it here is to try to gather all this information. They have it, make sense, and try to apply the statute to determine what is the status of the Beaver Ridge Road.

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Town of Freedom: and frankly, it may well be that they can't determine what the status is. They may be able to. We'll see how that goes after we hear from everybody. This is an exercise in public participation, and we'll just take it one step at a time. With that.

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Town of Freedom: I guess. The call would be anyone who wants to present whose last name begins with a (Heather Donahue) actually, I'm sorry before we begin. I just wanted to say that I have been invited to voluntarily recuse myself, and I would like to take that invitation, as I've been doing the research on this for the last 6 months, and I'm an abutter.

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Town of Freedom: What would I say?

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Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) So Heather will be doing the presentation

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Town of Freedom: (Charles Hadyniak) heather. Thank you for that. I think that's fair, and your recusal here. Good evening. Everyone otherwise known as plaintiff number one, I guess. Heather. Does that mean for the entirety of this going forward? You're going to recuse yourself, or you're just doing it for tonight. (Heather Donahue) Well, it has been suggested that I have bias, and when I've just sent my facts tonight, you can determine whether I have facts or bias.

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00:29:46.430 --> 00:30:15.009

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Think, all we're doing tonight is just this year. (Charles Hadyniak) Okay, I just wanted to. That's all. (Atty Kelly) There's a lot of complication, as you know, in the background of this but one step at a time. You had a question about this means (Steve Bennett) you're going to wait a vote on this. No, he's not right? Okay? All right. Wait. What did you just say? He asked. You mean in the final final vote? Right?

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Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Heather is presenting. She's going to be a basically a fact witness, like all these other folks.

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Town of Freedom: (Kyle Hadyniak) may I ask a clarifying question? Yes, the survey from September was designed to solicit public input on this matter, and that's the same thing we're doing tonight, was the survey deemed not good enough or not enough. People participated. Or why do this twice? It's nowhere near the level of detail that we need. I mean, those are just some fixed questions. (Atty Kelly) We're here to actually hear what people say in more detail.

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00:30:49.415 --> 00:31:00.819

Town of Freedom: Very important that we get the whole thing wrong. (Ron Price) We're confused about this recusal. Yeah, I heard about the vote. Now, it was my understanding there's gonna be no vote tonight. (Atty Kelly) There won't. (Ron Price) So

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Town of Freedom: I guess when I hear

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Town of Freedom: she's not gonna vote, she's recused herself. But what does that mean when the board, if they do decide to vote after your next hearing.

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Town of Freedom: they come to the conclusion that they're gonna vote. And she

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00:31:16.090 --> 00:31:23.589

Town of Freedom: recusing herself from that, or is she just recusing herself from participating as a board member tonight. (Atty Kelly) Yes, (Ron Price) to the 1st part.

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Town of Freedom: she's not gonna vote when the Board has to vote on this again, (Atty Kelly) right. (Ron Price) After all the hearings are done, all the facts are in.

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Town of Freedom: let me tell her. (Atty Kelly) Yes, she's not gonna vote. Okay. The reason is one of the one of the benefits of doing the amount of research that Heather has is. She's come to her own conclusions.

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Town of Freedom: As a result of that. This is a fair hearing the person has reached conclusions, is going to sit and present because she's done done a fair amount of research. But she's not going to vote.

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Town of Freedom: That is a consequence of being in small town with a person who took the lead, and recognizing this is the fairest way to proceed.

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Town of Freedom: So that's the way that's going to go. (Ron Price) I just wanted to clarify that she's recusing herself from voting on this whenever it comes up for a vote. That's what I'm trying to clarify

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(Mary Ann Bennett)

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Town of Freedom: the mail piece we got. It's actually different than what the statute is supposed to be. It's going to be a different statute. Is that correct? (Atty Kelly) Don't worry about the statutes. The short answer is, no, there's 1 statute that's referenced in the order.

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Town of Freedom: The notice. It's a statute that replaced the prior statute. They actually will be involved in the litigation because they're important. Yes. Oh, okay, but there's only one that hasn't been repealed yet. That'll probably get repealed someday soon, and something else will happen.

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Town of Freedom: Yes, (Kyle Hadyniak) so when the flag does, though there are 2 voting numbers, what happens the other time? (Atty Kelly) You need an affirmative vote to carry motion. So 1 1 time does not carry a motion.

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Town of Freedom: Alright, do we have an a someone with the last name of A, or would like to start.

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Town of Freedom: or maybe we should just open it up anybody from A to L

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Town of Freedom: at this point. Yes, sir, what's your name? My name is Brian Fuller, and I'd love to start, because, unfortunately, I got to

leave early. (Atty Kelly) Oh, good! Can you? Just for the record? Just tell us if you're a resident or non-resident. (Brian Fuller) I'm a resident, and I'm my home is on Beaver Ridge Road.

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Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) It's Brian Fuller. Brian Fuller. Yes, thank you. You're welcome.

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Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Floor is yours, sir. (Brian Fuller) Okay, 1st off, I just want to say that you know, there are various people here tonight, and people that aren't here. You know. I I see a lot of I live in the lower part of Beaver Ridge Road, and you know

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Town of Freedom: the people and my neighbors, and all that that use that road and and the public the way it is. I've been very happy about, and and I haven't had any problems with anybody the way they use it, and what they want to do with it. However, I'll just mention that when I when we bought the property.

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Town of Freedom: one thing that attracted to us when we looked at the road the 1st time was that it said.

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Town of Freedom: speed limit 25 miles an hour.

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Town of Freedom: dead end, and no access to windmills. So I thought, well, you know, that's not really cut down the traffic noise and everything else. And I don't know the legal status, and I'm not quite sure who's who's got the right to do whichever you know is being proposed.

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Town of Freedom: So I'm not. I have no knowledge things at all. I'm just just speaking briefly, you know. A neighbor diagonally across the street from me, a couple. They they have a newborn or not newborn, but a year and a half old baby, and they like to walk in the stroller. It's the lower section is fairly flat.

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Town of Freedom: You know their their little baby in the stroller. I have a dog. I walk on the leash, but people that come by well and use it as is, have been very respectful to me, very friendly to me.

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Town of Freedom: And for the most part, aside from maybe one big brown truck that seems to have to go up daily that maybe give the eagle eye to obey the speed limit. Pretty well, you know. And I know they got it. They don't get to go home. But you know it's it's a drag to see someone going by 50 miles an hour when it's a 25.

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Town of Freedom: So but other than that little thing that's a little bit comical to you know I have no problem with the way it is. I've just

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Town of Freedom: I really enjoyed my peace and quiet, and I'm kind of thinking, you know, if there was a major road that went through again, I have no knowledge of the past.

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Town of Freedom: I would I would hate it to increase a lot of traffic and noise. And that that's my only thing about this. And you know, if people have

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Town of Freedom: issues with getting access to their property or anything, I I sure respect that, you know, and

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Town of Freedom: I also tend to a lot of times be quite respectful of of

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Town of Freedom: you know, multi, you know, and and so forth. So I'm I'm not here to to

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Town of Freedom: knock down what anyone needs or desires. But I I really love my 2 supply on the bottom of that road. And and

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Town of Freedom: this spring I'm gonna get to retire, I think full time, and I'm sure, hoping that you know it stays just traffic, wise and noise wise, similar. And that's really all I have to say. Thank you. (Atty Kelly) Let me just clarify a couple of things. Just what is the number? So we know what number you're on? (Brian Fuller) Lucky number 13. (Atty Kelly) How long have you lived there?

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Town of Freedom: (Brian Fuller) got that place. I think it was right around 2,008. It was just Prior when Covid kind of was recognized in this country.

Okay, you know. (Atty Kelly) And you said, you people respectful and you appreciated their use. We're trying to figure out what you've seen.

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Town of Freedom: Use over what part of the road the (Brian Fuller) the lower part in front of where our home is. You know. Sometimes we have friends or neighbors that you know, like to go to a friend's house on on the side, on a 4 wheeler or or you know people doing, coming and going. (Atty Kelly) Oh, you got that? Are you talking about the blue area? (Brian Fuller) I'm talking about the blue area. (Atty Kelly) Okay, I just want to clarify. That's the thing folks have what they have to say

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00:37:57.320 --> 00:38:09.119

Town of Freedom: about the uses the non uses who used it where exactly as much as you can, based on this map would be very helpful, because that's really where the rubber hits the road here. But everything you said is very helpful. So thank you.

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00:38:09.430 --> 00:38:21.070

Town of Freedom; (Brian Fuller) It's really all I have to say, and I'm sorry, but I do have to leave. I have someone that's really dependent. Yes, sir, thanks for sharing. (Atty Kelly) Thank you very much.

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00:38:21.890 --> 00:38:36.749

Town of Freedom: (Charles Hadyniak) Mister Fuller. I apologize for the round truck. You complain, my wife.

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00:38:36.980 --> 00:38:55.710

Town of Freedom: (Charles Hadyniak) Very quick. History of my family involvement here in the

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00:38:56.210 --> 00:38:59.270

Town of Freedom: we bought the property back in 1991,

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00:38:59.980 --> 00:39:06.539

Town of Freedom: and at that time. When we bought it we were just thinking of an investment, but maybe someday we would move up here.

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00:39:08.440 --> 00:39:27.160

Town of Freedom: You have some of the letters there, apparently that my mom had. Who was a hawk? Some of you knew my mom? Yeah. They chuckle away. She had conversations with Red Mitchell, who was the Selectman at the time about status of the road. One of the things that really interested in

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00:39:27.520 --> 00:39:33.220

Town of Freedom: that we were interested in is having something that was private that was quiet, that you know we could call our own.

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00:39:33.340 --> 00:39:45.289

Town of Freedom: and the moment we pulled into that property saw the view it was literally right. This is the place, and we were so happy that we live here. And we and we really do love this community as far as that

goes

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00:39:46.180 --> 00:39:47.510

Town of Freedom: back in

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00:39:48.120 --> 00:40:03.910

Town of Freedom: probably was after our our sons were born, must have been about 1,994 ish, maybe 95 ish somewhere in there. During that time my dad and I would come up, maybe once or twice a year, to go camping on the property.

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00:40:04.130 --> 00:40:11.179

Town of Freedom: and we had actually got to meet Red Mitchell. Who was this icon, the guy who is Selectman forever?

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00:40:11.680 --> 00:40:21.930

Town of Freedom: And he he came out to the property to meet with us, and we literally to get more clarification on on the status of the road, because

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00:40:22.150 --> 00:40:24.869

Town of Freedom: it wasn't actually crystal clear

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00:40:25.130 --> 00:40:36.970

Town of Freedom: is, we walked, we walked the road, we went, we started. We met him at what was Walter and Vicki Wood's house, which is now the Warren's house, which is 97, is that their house number?

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00:40:37.450 --> 00:41:00.570

Town of Freedom: And we walked down the hill, there to the area that is otherwise known now to us as David Poddle's property, and as we walked down the road off to the right is a trail that goes off toward Oak Lane and Red Mitchell, the selectman, who was the selectman back in the 19 fifties. When this, you know happened, he said.

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00:41:00.780 --> 00:41:06.060

Town of Freedom: It was discontinued in that direction. Everything else is considered private property.

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00:41:07.420 --> 00:41:19.630

Town of Freedom: Well, of course we're gonna listen to what the selectman had to say about that. I mean he should know he was here, for you know, forever. He was part of that, and that did play into kind of our decision to eventually move up here.

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00:41:20.250 --> 00:41:22.340

Town of Freedom: And then, of course, for the years that

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00:41:22.950 --> 00:41:31.540

Town of Freedom: question had come up again, addressed by the Select Board in 1997. You know you have that information here to to peruse that your leisure

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00:41:32.043 --> 00:41:35.379

Town of Freedom: so in our minds this had all been kind of decided

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00:41:36.630 --> 00:41:40.239

Town of Freedom: throughout all that time. Whenever we saw someone come up

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00:41:40.640 --> 00:41:44.109

Town of Freedom: we would ask them, or we would inform them this was private property

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00:41:44.980 --> 00:41:48.869

Town of Freedom: for those of you from the 4.th My wife and I. We were working

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00:41:49.030 --> 00:42:14.180

Town of Freedom: for those of you who knew. My mom wandered up there and she saw you. She would come walking out of the house and go after you, at least find out who you were and what you were doing. And you know right, Bobby, shaking his head, you know. So we've been consistent in that whole timeframe in informing people that that's our private property. And please just check that.

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00:42:14.670 --> 00:42:21.840

Town of Freedom: I'm going forward with this situation. We would also ask people for people to please.

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00:42:22.450 --> 00:42:28.820

Town of Freedom: Let's just respect that going forward until this is concluded. Let's not be antagonistic. Let's not

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00:42:28.950 --> 00:42:35.059

Town of Freedom: do things despite others. I mean, we kind of ran into a little bit of that during the summer.

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00:42:35.220 --> 00:42:38.119

Town of Freedom: Unfortunately, that's kind of quelled a little bit here.

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00:42:39.360 --> 00:42:47.070

Town of Freedom: So I'm gonna say nothing, for, you know. Let's all be respectful in this until this gets completed. Thank you.

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00:42:47.740 --> 00:42:56.199

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Can I ask clarifying question. And, by the way, everybody probably knows. But what's the number of your address? We are 200.

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00:42:57.894 --> 00:42:59.430

Town of Freedom: One of the

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00:42:59.540 --> 00:43:06.620

Town of Freedom: the documents you mentioned. I just want to know if you want to comment on it or not. That's totally your choice.

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00:43:06.930 --> 00:43:11.390

Town of Freedom: But it is here in the record, and it's gonna be something to be reviewed.

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00:43:11.690 --> 00:43:13.180

Town of Freedom: But the

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00:43:17.600 --> 00:43:22.780

Town of Freedom: and I'm sure you're familiar with. It's August 26, th 1997. Letter to Maine Municipal

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00:43:29.170 --> 00:43:36.280

Town of Freedom: and it had to do with the facts about the town of Freedom and the Beaver Ridge Road, and what the uses were.

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00:43:36.980 --> 00:43:48.020

Town of Freedom: If you had a copy of that letter, sir, if that'll yeah, if you, if you don't want to talk about. That's fine, but it's part of the record. I want to know if you wanted to comment on why this letter says what it says, which suggests that the the road had been open.

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00:43:48.690 --> 00:43:56.199

Town of Freedom: (Charles Hadyniak) Well, I have this one from September 9, th from the select board from the selectman's meeting.

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00:43:57.310 --> 00:44:09.389

Town of Freedom: saying they received the written response from MMA regarding the status of the road. Basically, MMA advised the town that the road was now private property, and that any abutter could post his or her section of the road.

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00:44:11.010 --> 00:44:15.499

Town of Freedom: and then the next entry on here the selectman assembled and approve the warrant.

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00:44:16.400 --> 00:44:22.400

Town of Freedom: September 9, th 1997. (Atty Kelly) Okay, so hows that.

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00:44:22.660 --> 00:44:47.236

Town of Freedom: I was asking about the August 26.th But I'll take it that well, (Charles Hadyniak) this was after that. So I would defer to this. (Atty Kelly) Okay, just wanted to ask, give you an opportunity to make sure you had a chance to address the record. (Laura Greeley) for clarity. So going forward, Chuck, if we get to this point, are you open to

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00:44:47.820 --> 00:44:52.340

Town of Freedom: If we had some sort of compromise, are you open to foot traffic?

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00:44:54.880 --> 00:44:56.980

Town of Freedom: Something I'm gonna ask all the abutters.

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00:45:05.200 --> 00:45:15.290

Town of Freedom: but traffic skiing. I'm just. (Charles Hadyniak) I think we would be open to our decision making into whatever we would allow people to do. We're not

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00:45:16.010 --> 00:45:20.440

Town of Freedom: would be our decision, because, of course, we contend it's our property.

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00:45:20.950 --> 00:45:22.110

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) Bye. Thank you.

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00:45:25.120 --> 00:45:27.890

Town of Freedom: (Unknown) Who was the selective in 1997.

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00:45:28.180 --> 00:45:33.290

Town of Freedom: Do we know who who's what it was, (Charles Hadyniak) Red Mitchell.

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00:45:34.506 --> 00:45:54.423

Town of Freedom: There are a bunch of other names on here. I see that you'll see on the website

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00:45:55.890 --> 00:46:00.946

Town of Freedom: 2. And they were Harold Mitchell, Everett Lingly, and Heidi Brugger.

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00:46:05.290 --> 00:46:09.040

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) So who's next

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00:46:09.990 --> 00:46:29.520

Town of Freedom: (Lynn Hadyniak) lady in the back is married to the man on the left? I figured I'd just piggyback on what my husband said, and oh, sure, Lynn, and just to be crystal clear with everybody's copy of the map. We live on

the bed portions

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00:46:29.740 --> 00:46:43.360

Town of Freedom: and 200 people. And likewise, if anybody doesn't know what the OB Ward house is, basically, it's where the mailboxes are.

Okay. That gives you an idea. So here's what

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00:46:45.110 --> 00:46:55.709

Town of Freedom: as my husband said in 1997, we got the decision through the select board from the Municipal Association that the road after this yellow line that's

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00:46:56.070 --> 00:46:58.169

Town of Freedom: here sort of like a doglet.

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00:46:58.520 --> 00:47:14.043

Town of Freedom: After that the red road was our private property, belonging to the Red Road is the property of the abutters.

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00:47:15.020 --> 00:47:21.439

Town of Freedom: we had some folks come in about 20 years ago and build a house across the red part from our house.

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00:47:21.650 --> 00:47:22.730

Town of Freedom: and

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00:47:23.060 --> 00:47:31.500

Town of Freedom: we posted a sign at the beginning of the Hadyniak portion of that red line, and it said, Private road.

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00:47:31.730 --> 00:47:39.180

Town of Freedom: and it's been up there ever since 1997, after we got that letter from the town's attorneys.

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00:47:39.390 --> 00:47:42.610

Town of Freedom: so we never allowed

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00:47:42.720 --> 00:47:55.440

Town of Freedom: strangers up. We allowed people with our permission, because they asked us to come up. We have to this day, depending upon who it was and what they wanted to do up there.

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00:47:55.550 --> 00:47:56.390

Town of Freedom: 5.

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00:47:56.690 --> 00:48:12.140

Town of Freedom: We built the road that starts at that yellow dogleg. There was no road. I have a letter from my brother, who lives in Oregon that

I'll give to the select board, but I want to put it in evidence.

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00:48:12.935 --> 00:48:23.340

Town of Freedom: His name is Evan Qualtrough, and I'll spell that for you.

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00:48:23.570 --> 00:48:28.669

Town of Freedom: And he wrote, Hi fam, what they do out there. And

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00:48:28.950 --> 00:48:44.040

Town of Freedom: here's what I recall about my camping trips on Beaver Ridge Road, Dad and I. That would be my dad as well, came up every summer, and spent about 2 weeks camping on Lynn and Chuck's property for at least 4 years in a row.

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00:48:44.320 --> 00:48:54.569

Town of Freedom: I believe our 1st trip was very soon after the property was purchased, so this would be before 1997. We purchased it, as my husband said, in 91.

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00:48:54.730 --> 00:49:06.939

Town of Freedom: I'm pretty sure we camped there every year until you all actually moved there. We moved here in March of 97. I would have been between 12 and 16 years old for these camping trips.

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00:49:07.140 --> 00:49:11.100

Town of Freedom: Beaver Ridge Road was a road only in name.

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00:49:11.220 --> 00:49:21.610

Town of Freedom: and I remember not so fondly hours spent helping Dad get our station wagon unstuck from the mud just to make it up to the property.

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00:49:21.780 --> 00:49:29.219

Town of Freedom: He would use a machete each year a machete, no doubt the one he brought home from Vietnam in the sixties.

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00:49:29.460 --> 00:49:42.819

Town of Freedom: a machete each year to hack at the brush to make the path wide enough for our car. There was never any evidence that anyone had been up the road since our trip the previous year.

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00:49:42.930 --> 00:49:53.630

Town of Freedom: The only people I ever remember encountering were people who lived on the road, all of whom were farther down the road, in what we would call blue blind

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00:49:53.790 --> 00:49:56.439

Town of Freedom: toward the intersection with Greeley Road.

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00:49:56.690 --> 00:50:06.129

Town of Freedom: I do not recall a single vehicle of any kind or hiker, for that matter, come up to or past the property in all the years we camped there.

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00:50:07.350 --> 00:50:28.270

Town of Freedom: I hope that helps, and let me know if you have any other specific questions on a side note, despite having to dig out the car many times, I have nothing but fond memories of camping with Dad on the property up there. It felt like we were pioneers, and we were so from extreme isolation on the ridge into town freedom, government, or even just the farm stand

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00:50:28.420 --> 00:50:35.899

Town of Freedom: where Dad would learn the life stories of every person. We encountered some very formative experiences, and I'm thankful for them. Love you all Hal.

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00:50:36.230 --> 00:50:38.720

Town of Freedom: so I'll give that to you folks.

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00:50:39.580 --> 00:50:43.320

Town of Freedom: But my brother's remembrance is mine as well.

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00:50:43.490 --> 00:50:52.230

Town of Freedom: That is not a road that was a mud path. It was at the very best a former logging

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00:50:53.260 --> 00:51:04.170

Town of Freedom: trench that every spring and every hard rain in the summer would be almost impossible except by foot.

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00:51:05.070 --> 00:51:14.909

Town of Freedom: We put a whole lot of money into that road to build it to requirements. I don't know what they are anymore. It's been a long time

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00:51:15.010 --> 00:51:31.879

Town of Freedom: 12 inches deep, 18 inches what 18 feet wide. I don't know what a road requirement is, but it costs a lot of money, and we also paid CMP. To put up holes, because from the blue roof, the blue roof house

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00:51:32.050 --> 00:51:34.540

Town of Freedom: there were no poles for power.

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00:51:34.860 --> 00:51:38.220

Town of Freedom: so we did all of that as well.

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00:51:38.540 --> 00:51:47.729

Town of Freedom: and the only reason we invested all of that is because we relied on the Select Board statements in 1997, and before

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00:51:47.950 --> 00:51:55.039

Town of Freedom: that said we could do with it, as we wanted to, and we wanted to keep it private and serene.

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00:51:55.160 --> 00:52:06.800

Town of Freedom: because that's what we saught. If we hadn't had those promises, we likely would not have put, we definitely wouldn't have put the money in for a road or power, and we probably would not have thought of that.

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00:52:07.020 --> 00:52:08.490

Town of Freedom: So

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00:52:08.590 --> 00:52:16.619

Town of Freedom: now we have two homes up there. We've raised our children. My son Tyler is raised, and his wife Catherine are raising their daughter.

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00:52:16.880 --> 00:52:18.960

Town of Freedom: We want to keep it quiet.

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00:52:19.390 --> 00:52:25.860

Town of Freedom: and I'm sure you guys can understand that. Just like, so

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00:52:26.160 --> 00:52:32.490

Town of Freedom: the other point I wanted to raise is that, yeah, yes.

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00:52:33.120 --> 00:52:41.900

Town of Freedom: we. We've. I have personally stopped people who are on the road without our permission, and ask them.

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00:52:42.090 --> 00:52:43.619

Town of Freedom: why are they here?

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00:52:44.160 --> 00:52:47.910

Town of Freedom: And reminding them that they passed the sign on the way up

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00:52:48.010 --> 00:52:52.240

Town of Freedom: that said this was a private road, and that they are trespassing.

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00:52:52.840 --> 00:52:57.559

Town of Freedom: and for the most part they respected that and stopped.

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00:52:57.770 --> 00:53:07.690

Town of Freedom: I know many instances where my mother-in-law, Sally Ann, and even my father-in-law, Charles Hadyniak, as slowly a mover as he was.

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00:53:08.120 --> 00:53:12.879

Town of Freedom: would talk with people who would come up there and say no more.

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00:53:13.260 --> 00:53:14.170

Town of Freedom: No more.

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00:53:15.210 --> 00:53:16.889

Town of Freedom: I've done it. They've done it.

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00:53:17.230 --> 00:53:23.249

Town of Freedom: My husband's done it anytime. We're aware of it. We haven't let it pass without comment.

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00:53:24.430 --> 00:53:40.769

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) I have a couple of questions for you. So the 1st one when you all purchased it? Was you. Was you confident in what your deed said or or did the family have

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00:53:40.850 --> 00:54:01.570

Town of Freedom: questions when reading the deed about about the road, the standing of the road. (Lynn Hadyniak) And I'm not testifying. So it's a good thing I'm not under oath, because I haven't looked at it in a very long time, but I believe our deed says we own the property to the middle of the path.

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00:54:02.080 --> 00:54:25.260

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) so that so the deed didn't mention anything about a town a town road with a public easement. Nothing like that. Okay, and when you folks decided to put up the private road sign at that time. Did you ask the select board? Or is that something that you folks just did

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00:54:25.360 --> 00:54:35.119

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) I believe my mother in law, who is very much involved in town governance, in fact, in the other room. Think her picture.

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00:54:35.643 --> 00:55:04.709

Town of Freedom: My mother-in-law was the speaker of our houses, if you will, on all town matters at the time, Steve might have been select person. Ronnie might have been a select person I don't really remember,

but it was not a secret. It was not something we did without public notice. (Laura Greeley) So you never had any issues throughout the years with any different select board members questioning why.

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Town of Freedom: (Lynn Hadyniak) no, not to my knowledge.

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00:55:12.830 --> 00:55:20.390

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) sir. I think you were. Next. (Bob Kanzler) I'm Robert Kanzler. I moved into freedom 11 years ago

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00:55:20.830 --> 00:55:22.219

Town of Freedom: I grew up in Albion.

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00:55:22.980 --> 00:55:29.179

Town of Freedom: We use that whole hillside over there all the roads, rights, and Boy Scouts, but Mr. Holtham owned the land.

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00:55:29.820 --> 00:55:32.520

Town of Freedom: Roy Fuller owned some land up in there.

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00:55:34.930 --> 00:55:41.569

Town of Freedom: Yeah, I'll think of his name here, I mean, Rick Martin owned some land up in it, and we used it as a camping ground for Boy Scouts.

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00:55:41.830 --> 00:55:47.330

Town of Freedom: Freedom didn't have Boy Scout troop to a lot of the boys for freedom during the Albion troop

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00:55:48.010 --> 00:55:54.249

Town of Freedom: there was many times we walked from Pat Bonds all through Rick Martins Road, all the way over.

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00:55:54.780 --> 00:56:00.400

Town of Freedom: up, early, up to not Wits End in the next road down

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00:56:01.581 --> 00:56:13.729

Town of Freedom: Russell Road, and we go into Russell Road, not through Spinney Cemetery and out around, and we camped on that hillside for years. Fred Pottle was one of them that camped with us for many years up in there.

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00:56:14.120 --> 00:56:16.930

Town of Freedom: When I moved back in town in freedom.

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00:56:17.580 --> 00:56:21.849

Town of Freedom: there was a lady who rented her house out across and

chuck and

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00:56:22.520 --> 00:56:29.570

Town of Freedom: Lynn Lynn, you wanna say, Mary? And there was a couple gentlemen that was

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00:56:30.110 --> 00:56:35.290

Town of Freedom: in there running for the winter. They knew I had groomed snowmobile trails.

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00:56:35.680 --> 00:56:41.509

Town of Freedom: They asked me if I'd be willing to groom that road up through there for cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

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00:56:42.320 --> 00:56:45.310

Town of Freedom: At that time I come to the town, and I asked them about it.

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00:56:45.640 --> 00:56:47.469

Town of Freedom: I asked them if I could clear

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00:56:47.980 --> 00:56:50.239

Town of Freedom: clean it out. Not a problem.

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00:56:50.600 --> 00:56:52.350

Town of Freedom: Talked to Sally Ann.

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00:56:52.690 --> 00:56:55.930

Town of Freedom: She didn't like it at first, but she acknowledged it.

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00:56:56.710 --> 00:57:03.450

Town of Freedom: I mean God love her red lipstick, but never had a problem never on.

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00:57:04.370 --> 00:57:10.099

Town of Freedom: Always kept it clipped out, kept it clipped for hunting season. Many people walked up through their bird hunting.

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00:57:10.320 --> 00:57:14.039

Town of Freedom: David Pottle walked back and forth. He rode his 4 wheeler back and forth.

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00:57:14.740 --> 00:57:22.530

Town of Freedom: But there is a section of that road that has never been open since. I was a very young kid, because it washed out, and that's from where

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00:57:22.750 --> 00:57:27.849

Town of Freedom: Steve Bennett built the road up through there to the very corner. The 4 corner intersection

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00:57:28.340 --> 00:57:31.729

Town of Freedom: where the stream comes down through now is the old road

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00:57:32.240 --> 00:57:37.920

Town of Freedom: very rough. I've walked through them Woodlots looking for the Temple Cemetary.

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00:57:39.280 --> 00:57:50.790

Town of Freedom: and I spoke to Dave Bennett many years ago about it. The Temple cemetery and he he come right out and said, Yeah, I remember seeing it a few times when I was younger, he said, but I think it got destroyed by woodcutters.

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00:57:52.760 --> 00:57:59.469

Town of Freedom: and I've walked that trench looking for markers, stones, anything that might have washed down through there.

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00:58:00.120 --> 00:58:06.309

Town of Freedom: I've walked along the stone walls of that road looking for something up in there.

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00:58:07.070 --> 00:58:10.429

Town of Freedom: So that little piece of land up there has been quite interesting to me.

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00:58:10.870 --> 00:58:14.969

Town of Freedom: because this is one thing I hate is hate to be defeated on Cemetery.

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00:58:15.350 --> 00:58:17.980

Town of Freedom: Nobody has any ordinance of it or anything.

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00:58:18.280 --> 00:58:26.449

Town of Freedom: and the only portion of that road that I have ever clipped out is from Steve Bennett's Road down to Sally Ann Hadyniak's.

Well.

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00:58:26.700 --> 00:58:28.600

Town of Freedom: the late, so I only entered it yet.

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00:58:28.930 --> 00:58:39.170

Town of Freedom: and she was very respectful to me, allowing me to use the road. She come out and told me that it's town. Right away. We discussed it in a road committee.

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00:58:40.290 --> 00:58:45.020

Town of Freedom: We discussed it. I had many talks with that lady many.
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00:58:45.310 --> 00:58:49.080

Town of Freedom: So I went to the Maine DOT department
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00:58:49.380 --> 00:58:57.110

Town of Freedom: and all the deeds for all of the county roads that were
in freedom before freedom. They were given back to freedom
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00:58:57.600 --> 00:58:59.030

Town of Freedom: all the Deeds.
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00:59:00.010 --> 00:59:03.330

Town of Freedom: Every one of the deeds. I think the Select Board has
them now.
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00:59:03.730 --> 00:59:06.570

Town of Freedom: A county road which was road
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00:59:06.710 --> 00:59:14.945

Town of Freedom: prior to these little tiny offspring deep roads from
Mrs. Jones's house to Buckwheat's house. But
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00:59:16.250 --> 00:59:21.360

Town of Freedom: those deeds were given back to the townspeople from the
county
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00:59:22.160 --> 00:59:25.700

Town of Freedom: to my understanding, and what I understand from DOD
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00:59:26.200 --> 00:59:32.070

Town of Freedom: they were given back to the town for the townspeople,
nobody else.
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00:59:32.520 --> 00:59:35.110

Town of Freedom: only those deeds that I showed up with
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00:59:36.080 --> 00:59:40.649

Town of Freedom: and on those deeds that I presented to the town they
gave to the select board.
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00:59:40.800 --> 00:59:49.089

Town of Freedom: When I was on the road committee we took those deeds,
and we determined where them deeds were, so they have my handwriting on
them
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00:59:49.230 --> 00:59:55.190

Town of Freedom: with a different road name. Some of these roads were the Clark road, which is now the Sibley.

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00:59:56.340 --> 00:59:59.229

Town of Freedom: and names change in these roads

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00:59:59.350 --> 01:00:02.199

Town of Freedom: all the time as generations go.

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01:00:03.005 --> 01:00:06.809

Town of Freedom: And we discussed this. This was all hashed out once before.

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01:00:07.090 --> 01:00:09.279

Town of Freedom: all hashed out all said and done.

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01:00:09.580 --> 01:00:12.249

Town of Freedom: Not all of a sudden. It's back in here again.

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01:00:12.460 --> 01:00:15.789

Town of Freedom: and a lot of people have used these roads, I mean a lot.

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01:00:16.280 --> 01:00:19.999

Town of Freedom: And all of the Boy Scouts from Albion can testify to that.

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01:00:20.890 --> 01:00:23.459

Town of Freedom: And Mr. Holtham was an awful nice guy.

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01:00:23.900 --> 01:00:30.060

Town of Freedom: Fred Potter was an awful nice guy to allow us to walk up through his land to camp on his land over on Mitchell Road.

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01:00:31.250 --> 01:00:35.420

Town of Freedom: and which we did that Pat Barnes let us

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01:00:35.660 --> 01:00:39.879

Town of Freedom: go through open cattle gates, back and forth to get through the old roads.

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01:00:41.320 --> 01:00:49.840

Town of Freedom: You know Erwin Lane was another one we want, but I don't see where

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01:00:51.450 --> 01:01:05.129

Town of Freedom: this is going. I really don't. I don't understand it.

I've just given you my testimony. I have had run ins with, I think Chuck and I have spoke Tyler and I have spoke over few sessions, and not being

able to go up through there and

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01:01:05.390 --> 01:01:08.410

Town of Freedom: tell me that I'm on camera and this and that. But.

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01:01:08.700 --> 01:01:13.820

Town of Freedom: folks, I've asked permission. I've been to the town.

I've asked permission 2 or 3 times.

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01:01:14.030 --> 01:01:17.090

Town of Freedom: and I have done so, and I've gone up there with my side by

side

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01:01:18.110 --> 01:01:19.869

Town of Freedom: and so have a lot of other people.

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01:01:21.200 --> 01:01:43.209

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) Can you tell me do you remember approximately what year it was that you had asked the town if you could, or you were asked to groom by the club, and what year (Bob Kanzler) I've been here 11 years. It was the 1st year that I moved into town I'd have to go back and find out when that is.

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01:01:43.380 --> 01:01:46.829

Town of Freedom: Cindy could probably answer that question when I on the

tax

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01:01:47.430 --> 01:01:53.069

Town of Freedom: paperwork. They seen me grooming, grooming around my dooryard.

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01:01:53.530 --> 01:01:57.310

Town of Freedom: I had the snowmobile drag, and I was asked to do that.

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01:01:57.530 --> 01:02:02.820

Town of Freedom: so I got permission from the people who have the vegetable farm up the road for me to crop their field.

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01:02:03.210 --> 01:02:07.710

Town of Freedom: go up, down, to all the OB Wards place, come up by the top of his

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01:02:07.990 --> 01:02:12.480

Town of Freedom: barn there and proceed up the road. And that's just what I did.

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01:02:12.980 --> 01:02:38.699

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) And so are you saying that part of that road was part of

a snowmobile. (Bob Kanzler) At one time it was, yeah, absolutely. Yeah. And I had permission. I had permission to go up through David Pottles if I needed to, by the gate, the yellow gate, (Laura Greeley) and and one more question. You said that when the town had a road committee? Do we have minutes from that committee.

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01:02:39.860 --> 01:02:42.683

Town of Freedom: (Bob Kanzler) I don't know, Steve, do we have minutes of that committee?

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01:02:43.790 --> 01:02:50.800

Town of Freedom: (Steve Bennett) There are what would be 3 or 4 or 5 going from memory minutes.

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01:02:51.660 --> 01:02:55.311

Town of Freedom: (Bob Kanzler) I didn't take any minute. (Laura Greeley) Do you know where they are?

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01:02:55.860 --> 01:03:04.779

Town of Freedom: (Steve Bennett) Probably on my hard drive? (Laura Greeley) If if you wouldn't mind if you could get those to me, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

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01:03:04.890 --> 01:03:11.230

Town of Freedom: (Bob Kanzler) But we used to use a rough road down through David follows and come out on the Nate Russell Road that was always an open road.

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01:03:11.620 --> 01:03:19.119

Town of Freedom: I drove up through Beaver Ridge Road with an in 1966 International Scout fellow when I was 14 years old

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01:03:19.500 --> 01:03:32.430

Town of Freedom: because we we cut a lot. We shot a lot of coon up in there, so I also got stuck on a road behind Steve Bennett's barn, which we call the Rock Hill Road

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01:03:32.550 --> 01:03:35.519

Town of Freedom: with the International Scout. Rick Martin pulled me out

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01:03:36.010 --> 01:03:38.810

Town of Freedom: down through there. It went down onto the

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01:03:39.260 --> 01:03:43.920

Town of Freedom: I don't know what's the name of that road? You know what it is wrong. It's Hardwood. Now, Hardwood Lane.

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01:03:44.130 --> 01:03:50.539

Town of Freedom: come out on them, and all those roads are passable by

International Scouts in 4 wheel drive.

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01:03:51.130 --> 01:04:16.990

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) And so it's been recent years that you've been up there. Looking for the cemetery. (Bob Kanzler) I go up every year. (Laura Greeley) Okay, for how long? (Bob Kanzler) Whenever I get a break, I'm retired now, so (Laura Greeley) I mean, for how many years have you made a practice of going up every year? (Bob Kanzler) Oh, I've been going up through there for 10 years.

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01:04:17.040 --> 01:04:21.599

Town of Freedom: Last year. I didn't get it clipped, but the year before I didn't get it clipped out because I had a stroke.

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01:04:21.820 --> 01:04:23.639

Town of Freedom: So that kind of put things on

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01:04:24.020 --> 01:04:33.589

Town of Freedom: kibosh is for me. I didn't know I did go up through the this year. I clicked it out, but I have to have it clicked out all the way up through.

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01:04:35.730 --> 01:04:42.260

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) That's all like when you say all the way through (Bob Kanzler) all the way to keep Bennett's Road not all the way through to the 4 Corners.

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01:04:42.600 --> 01:04:50.680

Town of Freedom: (Lynn Hadyniak) Can we look at the map that we were given Bobby, and identify where, on this map

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01:04:51.010 --> 01:05:01.020

Town of Freedom: (Bob Kanzler) from the red color of the road all the way over to this is Sibley Road to where Steve Bennett made this road right here.

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01:05:01.210 --> 01:05:23.279

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) So if you could come up and just take one of those now

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01:05:23.290 --> 01:05:40.660

Town of Freedom: from you. Want me to highlight this. (Atty Kelly) Well, hang on. What are you marking right now? (Bob Kanzler) I am gonna Mark, from where I kept the road in yellow marker.

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01:05:45.822 --> 01:06:04.180

Town of Freedom: This is Chuck, but for me.

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01:06:37.390 --> 01:06:41.710

Town of Freedom: I don't know if you built it. But did I always stopped right here.

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01:06:41.860 --> 01:07:11.400

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) So we got the one you marked in initial. That's you're saying, that's the area that you clicked every year. That's the area that I clicked for 10 years now for about 10 years that I kept it open. Can you clarify? Because I I wasn't sure. Just so we're clear.

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01:07:11.640 --> 01:07:17.700

Town of Freedom: You said, you used to do voice scouts over there? Oh, yeah, where? And when

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01:07:18.665 --> 01:07:26.369

Town of Freedom: (Bob Kanzler) I graduated from 82, I graduated. I was 18 years old. So that was my last year of being

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01:07:26.690 --> 01:07:31.300

Town of Freedom: Eagle Scout in 82 wrong? Oh.

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01:07:32.320 --> 01:07:39.139

Town of Freedom: late seventies, mid to late seventies to 82. (Atty Kelly) Okay. And where exactly did you bring the boy scouts?

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01:07:39.960 --> 01:07:47.780

Town of Freedom: (Bob Kanzler) this whole hillside. We will stop over the Beaver under the Beaver, this whole area here Holtham's Lot.

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01:07:47.920 --> 01:07:48.650

Town of Freedom: Good.

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01:07:48.950 --> 01:07:54.320

Town of Freedom: Okay, Nathan Pottles father's lot, which is way down the road on the Mitchell Road.

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01:07:54.630 --> 01:08:07.019

Town of Freedom: But we used to walk all these roads out through here. So that's the Spinny cemetery all right. (Atty Kelly) So just if you knew about it. What was this? What was the condition of the road in the late seventies running from

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01:08:07.410 --> 01:08:15.790

Town of Freedom: Sally Ann's house up to the Sibley Road, or up to the point where you stopped. What was the condition of the road? (Bob Kanzler) Let me tell you it was probably at 19

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01:08:17.729 --> 01:08:25.529

Town of Freedom: 81 82, probably 17, maybe even 80,

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01:08:25.670 --> 01:08:34.619

Town of Freedom: when I was cream hot enough. I didn't have a driver's

license. Nobody tell anybody right, but didn't have a driver's license.

But I was traveling that road with an old scout

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01:08:34.819 --> 01:08:53.310

Town of Freedom: in 4-wheel drive, no Cadillac, (Atty Kelly) but all the way through we'll see marked in yellow. (Bob Kanzler) Yeah, because we used to come out in the field up here and go down to Rick Martin's, come back, across which Rick Martin's is down at the end of the Sibley Road. (Atty Kelly) He came out in Ron Price's field. (Bob Kanzler) We come out in Ron Price's field

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01:08:53.569 --> 01:08:58.180

Town of Freedom: alright, and went down the Sibley Road because there was no gate.

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01:08:58.420 --> 01:09:00.719

Town of Freedom: Well, we went down Deer Hill Road.

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01:09:01.140 --> 01:09:09.650

Town of Freedom: or we went down to Rick Mountains Road and went back over to Pat Bond. (Atty Kelly) So just so we're clear. I don't want you to say anything that isn't true. I just wanna make sure we follow it.

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01:09:10.260 --> 01:09:22.000

Town of Freedom: You with the last time user up there with 4-wheel drive was about 82, about 82 when I was all the way through there. Okay, not all the way. The last tiny little section. I think it might be

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01:09:22.660 --> 01:09:49.739

Town of Freedom: a couple 100 yards, maybe 300 yards, about 300 yards through there. (Atty Kelly) Start about the part you marked in yellow. (Bob Kanzler) Yeah, that's what we're talking about. Yeah, okay, thank you very much. There's some other people we can verify because they were kids that were coon hunting, though, and they were probably drinking apple cider. (Atty Kelly) Thanks very much. You didn't even need help getting up.

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01:09:49.850 --> 01:10:00.930

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Yes, sir, you're next. You don't want to stand up. Hi, guys, I'm Donald Day. Here I live at 1 73, Greeley Road over, and I'm an abutter, I probably use that more that road more than anybody.

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01:10:01.810 --> 01:10:06.300

Town of Freedom: Starting off in 1980, Arthur Richardson, Fred Mitchell.

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01:10:06.744 --> 01:10:21.370

Town of Freedom: Boyd Wharf, OB Ward's son rabbit hunting all winter. These guys were loggers that had nothing to do. What do you do? I guess, guys, that log. They hunt rabbits in the winter. I can remember plenty of farm farm days, rabbits hunting up on the hill.

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01:10:21.510 --> 01:10:30.109

Town of Freedom: I can attest to what the gentleman just said before me about the you know, Snowmobile grooming a snowmobile, a 4-wheeler. I walk, I hunt.

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01:10:31.550 --> 01:10:32.820

Town of Freedom: and they live right there.

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01:10:33.080 --> 01:10:34.480

Town of Freedom: My property.

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01:10:34.660 --> 01:10:37.039

Town of Freedom: My back of my property is that yellow line

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01:10:38.420 --> 01:10:40.979

Town of Freedom: abuts up to Chuck Hadyniak's property on the corner.

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01:10:41.980 --> 01:10:57.200

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) What's your address?(Donald Day) 1, 73 Greely Road. Back through what (Atty Kelly) they have to say before anybody asks any questions.

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01:10:57.490 --> 01:11:02.709

Town of Freedom: (Donald Day) Sorry people, yeah, it's gonna be choppy and tough. I'll try to slow it along.

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01:11:03.140 --> 01:11:07.259

Town of Freedom: People I don't know who collected these, but I believe I refurbished this

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01:11:07.760 --> 01:11:11.209

Town of Freedom: annual report that has Article 34 on it.

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01:11:11.460 --> 01:11:15.469

Town of Freedom: to keep the road over open to the public forever.

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01:11:16.410 --> 01:11:19.510

Town of Freedom: and you could say it's private. You could say it's public.

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01:11:19.960 --> 01:11:32.350

Town of Freedom: I mean, I wouldn't think they'd call the public road and put it in town print if it wasn't public road I use that I've had more trying to think it's a good word. I've had more Bs negative interactions

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01:11:32.670 --> 01:11:44.957

Town of Freedom: with the guardians of Beaver Hill on top of Beaver Ridge

Road, starting off with the matriarch of the family, and trickling down to Tyler. Chuck nice to meet you I never met you.

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01:11:46.674 --> 01:11:51.379

Town of Freedom: have me turn around and stop. I I'm not really too good at turning around, stopping.

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01:11:52.160 --> 01:12:00.330

Town of Freedom: I've gone through the there all the time. My friends live on the other. On the other end of that road. I mean, it just kind of works out. Point a point B public road.

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01:12:00.440 --> 01:12:02.959

Town of Freedom: I also have trimmed it out and maintained it.

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01:12:04.370 --> 01:12:13.609

Town of Freedom: I mean, I have a couple, you know. I have some nice equipment. I don't like riding through sticks and trees down, you know. Obviously, if it's a tree down, you know, I bring a saw with me and stuff

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01:12:14.420 --> 01:12:18.030

Town of Freedom: just I'm sorry to back up real quick.

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01:12:18.170 --> 01:12:21.390

Town of Freedom: There was no 4-Wheelers really back in 1980,

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01:12:21.750 --> 01:12:27.869

Town of Freedom: but Arthur Richardson used to drive his 2 wheel drive total Toyota pickup up it every day.

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01:12:28.480 --> 01:12:33.800

Town of Freedom: every day grabbing on, I would like to still continue to use it.

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01:12:35.106 --> 01:12:39.160

Town of Freedom: I am the little bit of flurry of action this last summer.

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01:12:40.780 --> 01:12:44.380

Town of Freedom: I don't believe it should have been, said Private Road.

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01:12:44.570 --> 01:12:52.464

Town of Freedom: We've had the Hadyniaks call, I don't know who they call it, but game wardens come to see me a couple of times, and

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01:12:53.690 --> 01:13:11.130

Town of Freedom: what is I ran over a barrier. (Atty Kelly) that's not a part. Yeah, it's not a back and forth. And then we can listen, please,

one at a time, just one at a time. Be respectful. We have a chance to go around again.

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01:13:11.560 --> 01:13:13.570

Town of Freedom: and we're not going to interrupt each other.

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01:13:13.680 --> 01:13:14.350

Town of Freedom: Go ahead.

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01:13:16.740 --> 01:13:25.750

Town of Freedom: (Donald Day) I just would like to see it stay open. I've used it my entire life. I've hunted with Red Mitchel numerous times. Was I the youngest guy? Oh, yeah, I was.

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01:13:26.260 --> 01:13:32.070

Town of Freedom: But we can go up there forever and forever. Starts in

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01:13:32.310 --> 01:13:34.370

Town of Freedom: 1960 for the Hager family.

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01:13:36.849 --> 01:13:43.009

Town of Freedom: Yeah, I'm just not pleased with the way I've been treated over the years.

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01:13:43.680 --> 01:13:47.180

Town of Freedom: They do do a pretty good job shooin' folks away.

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01:13:47.390 --> 01:13:56.489

Town of Freedom: Yeah, they're not shooin' me away, and when it becomes law I'll I'll do something, but until then I'm respectful to go by slow.

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01:13:58.460 --> 01:14:00.400

Town of Freedom: and I continue to keep doing so.

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01:14:02.800 --> 01:14:11.470

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) If you just give us some time frames, or as you talked about what you did. You started in 1980. (Donald Day) Yeah, it was there yesterday.

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01:14:11.930 --> 01:14:20.660

Town of Freedom: so pretty much from 1980 till yesterday, (Atty Kelly) and the uses would be hunting (Donald Day) lately 4 wheeler. Now there's not much snow anymore.

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01:14:21.140 --> 01:14:23.397

Town of Freedom: I don't like to walk as much.

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01:14:25.400 --> 01:14:32.900

Town of Freedom: I know plenty of neighbors that have been turned around.

I don't want to cast any opinions, but I've seen it firsthand. I've seen
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01:14:33.360 --> 01:14:38.100

Town of Freedom: submit, you know, some interactions and stuff, and none
of them are pleasurable.

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01:14:38.930 --> 01:14:45.339

Town of Freedom: They don't want anybody out there. We want to go up
there. It's a you know. Hey? That's what a talk is all about. They're
over here. I'm over here

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01:14:45.650 --> 01:14:47.460

Town of Freedom: and we're gonna see where we're gonna meet up

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01:14:47.600 --> 01:15:08.739

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) a couple things about the area. Now you've got the map,
you see, when you say that you drove from 1980 till now? What section are
you talking about? (Donald Day) Arthur Richardson lives right across from the Beaver
Hill? The Richardson Susan, friend Kyle Richardson. I don't know what her
address is, but she's right here. So from the Greeley Road.

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01:15:09.210 --> 01:15:33.629

Town of Freedom: past all these people, past the Woods, past the new
people ob ward past the Hadyniak's. We used to hunt right up in front of
this 1st field, so I mean, we really never had much reason to go past the
1st field because it was there's been a road for quite some time. (Atty Kelly) Okay,
the yellow marker. Can you just talk, indicate where you stopped in terms
of your driving and

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01:15:34.800 --> 01:15:42.220

Town of Freedom: your uses, (Donald Day) I mean, I've I've been all over on every
trail possible, but I'm just saying over.

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01:15:42.830 --> 01:15:48.600

Town of Freedom: Well, Arthur Richardson used to go from his house in his
Toyota all the way up to here.

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01:15:49.740 --> 01:15:51.359

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) And what about you?

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01:15:51.550 --> 01:16:02.789

Town of Freedom: (Donald Day) Me? I either. I live right here. Okay, this is my
property here, next to this yellow line, that's all. Shoot. I can either
come in this way, or I can

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01:16:03.110 --> 01:16:07.729

Town of Freedom: go that way. I have friends up and down the road, mostly
on the lower section.

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01:16:08.890 --> 01:16:13.295

Town of Freedom: And and does that answer your question? (Atty Kelly) Can you initial that for us?

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01:16:14.140 --> 01:16:17.980

Town of Freedom: I think I didn't get it. I don't know. (Donald Day) HAGER.

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01:16:18.400 --> 01:16:32.279

Town of Freedom: 1, 73. Yeah. (Atty Kelly) Or have any other questions. I'm trying to get some clarification. (Laura Greeley) When was the the last time year that you shouldn't it? Or maintained it? (Donald Day) this year (Laura Greeley) this year?

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01:16:32.950 --> 01:16:44.540

Town of Freedom: (Donald Day) There's been so much ice and crazy stuff all those little birches and cherries just all right over. You can't get through there without snow. (Laura Greeley) And when you was asked to not go through.

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01:16:45.120 --> 01:16:47.699

Town of Freedom: did you? Or didn't you?

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01:16:48.480 --> 01:16:51.525

Town of Freedom: (Donald Day) I don't think I don't think I've ever turned around.

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01:16:55.170 --> 01:17:23.450

Town of Freedom: Yeah, we do. Okay. You got me one time when I had folks with me, and I didn't want to start any trouble (Atty Kelly) and the trimming. Just so we have the record. How far would you trim (Donald Day) same thing, my friend? Oh, from it does wonderfully maintained all the way to their house, so it would be passed to 200 up to a 1st field up to where you end. Yes, sir, okay, thank you. I actually have access to this gate here. I have a key to it.

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01:17:23.870 --> 01:17:25.359

Town of Freedom: bits in price, but

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01:17:25.820 --> 01:17:33.750

Town of Freedom: nobody's no how. I've been up here long time and went to Mount View as a kindergartner, and I finished the Maine Maritime Academy.

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01:17:34.680 --> 01:17:36.710

Town of Freedom: and I would like to continue to use that.

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01:17:36.960 --> 01:17:38.689

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Thank you. Thank you.

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01:17:39.170 --> 01:17:54.720

Town of Freedom: No, what we're gonna do is keep going with testimony

because I want to get. I don't want to have the back and forth. If anybody has. Once we get the testimony. Obviously, if anybody has any contradictory testimony they can, they can give it

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01:17:55.281 --> 01:18:00.069

Town of Freedom: but let's just keep going with one witness or one person after another.

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01:18:00.420 --> 01:18:09.350

Town of Freedom: I just don't want this to turn into a deposition you have. Yeah, I'll do everything that's

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01:18:10.218 --> 01:18:14.779

Town of Freedom: my name is Kyle Hadyniak. I am not a resident, but I am an abutter

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01:18:15.880 --> 01:18:26.959

Town of Freedom: from 1997 to 2,011. So from when I was about 4 years old. So when I went to college I lived on Beaver Ridge Road, specifically the red portion of the map there.

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01:18:27.250 --> 01:18:35.599

Town of Freedom: of course, since then I visited frequently, and indeed considered Beaver Ridge Road to be my original home. Despite living out of freedom now for 14 years

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01:18:37.100 --> 01:18:45.960

Town of Freedom: I was happy to make the trip from Gray tonight, which is where I live to illuminate. How the public may or may not have used Beaver Ridge Road since the time my family moved there.

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01:18:46.250 --> 01:19:00.600

Town of Freedom: I'm 1 of 2 people alive who can remark about how Beaver Ridge Road was used just about every day, especially during the summer months, during those aforementioned years, because, while my parents worked, my brother and I stayed at our grandparents house every day when we were not in school.

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01:19:01.120 --> 01:19:09.229

Town of Freedom: I can testify definitively that Beaver Ridge Road never saw consistent public traffic. For all intents and purposes there were no public traffic

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01:19:09.430 --> 01:19:13.669

Town of Freedom: when a wayward stranger was spotted on the road, usually to take a look at the windmills.

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01:19:13.810 --> 01:19:26.720

Town of Freedom: you can be sure the nearest adult, usually my grandmother quickly intercepted these people with speed, betraying her size, and informed them about the road being private, as indicated by a sign on the roadside near my county property.

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01:19:27.150 --> 01:19:38.000

Town of Freedom: The road was so rarely used, in fact, that I recall being stunned by a loud passing car. One night, during a sleepover at a friend's house in elementary school, I wasn't used to vehicle noise

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01:19:38.340 --> 01:20:00.720

Town of Freedom: when asked what that loud noise was. My friend looked at me like I had 2 heads, and said it was just a passing car, as if it was the most natural thing in the world. Such isolation from other people was indeed why my family left a crowded New Jersey neighborhood in 1997, bought land in a rural central main town, forged a road through an untamed woodland, and settled on what my late grandfather used to call his piece of heaven.

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01:20:01.220 --> 01:20:09.959

Town of Freedom: Hearing some people assert these bridge votes public seems so strange to me. Just as strange as that car sounded to my ears.

Back during that sleepover

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01:20:10.060 --> 01:20:20.920

Town of Freedom: the disputed part of Beaver Ridge Road is my family's home, it was said otherwise, as like someone asserting a trek through your living room is a perfectly acceptable way for a stranger to get to an adjacent house.

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01:20:21.360 --> 01:20:30.469

Town of Freedom: I appreciate the Select board intention of putting the question of the individual status once and for all, and I hope my perspective helps clarify the recent history and nature of that.

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01:20:31.340 --> 01:20:36.010

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Did I get my notes right? That you were there from 97 to 2,011? (Kyle Hadyniak) Yes, Atty Kelly) okay.

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01:20:37.970 --> 01:20:51.720

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) So, Kyle, when you say that to have people refer to it as a public road as very, not as strange. Are you saying, describing it like that, because you.

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01:20:51.940 --> 01:21:05.829

Town of Freedom: throughout the years there hasn't been any talk of of this or people questioning it. (Kyle Hadyniak) It's it's strange, because there were never, for all intents and purposes, no members of the public up on that

part of the road.

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01:21:06.380 --> 01:21:08.160

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) The red part, (Kyle Hadyniak) the red part

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01:21:15.130 --> 01:21:15.880

Town of Freedom: okay

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01:21:20.940 --> 01:21:27.410

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) of you're good set for now. Okay, ma'am, you want to be next, or you just have.

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01:21:28.205 --> 01:21:41.300

Town of Freedom: (Mary Ann Bennett) I am. I live on Bennet Lane, and I'm probably about, I've lived here since 1988

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01:21:42.140 --> 01:22:02.799

Town of Freedom: and not recently. But for a lot of the time, let's say, up until next got bad. I would walk what we called the Loop, and I would go down Bennett Lane, up Rick Martin's Road, which you don't see Bennett's Road, and come out on the Eagle Ridge, and then go across to Sibley.

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01:22:02.840 --> 01:22:16.510

Town of Freedom: and I rarely saw anybody, if ever, and in the winter sometimes we would ski or snowshoe, and occasionally there would be some of the track that we could

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01:22:16.910 --> 01:22:28.479

Town of Freedom: go on, but oftentimes they weren't. So it wasn't like there was a lot of use that part of the road. And the other thing I was going to point out is your red

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01:22:29.090 --> 01:22:32.850

Town of Freedom: parks, continues he, does not owe clear to Sibley.

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01:22:32.940 --> 01:23:02.320

Town of Freedom: There is no road that goes all the way to Sibling. There is a road that Rick Martin built, but this road does not go there, and even the road that Rick Martin built is not really passable. I was up taking a walk a couple of summers ago, and I went up by Ron's gate by his field, and there was a lady with a table like you have right there in front of the gate, and I was quite stunned to see her there, and I asked what she was doing. She said there was a bicycle

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01:23:02.702 --> 01:23:08.830

Town of Freedom: group that was gonna be riding, too, and she had water and and maybe some other stuff, and I

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01:23:08.950 --> 01:23:15.310

Town of Freedom: I was very surprised, and what they did was they did come up the old Beaver Ridge Road, but then they went down

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01:23:15.885 --> 01:23:37.740

Town of Freedom: the road that Steve has to went from his field down and around. They could not finish going on the on the because it was impassable even for a bicycle, and then they came up and anytime I in the winter, and I walk every day up to the gate year-round, and in the winter. When I see snowmobile trails come up. They do not continue up that way. They go around

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01:23:38.010 --> 01:23:49.160

Town of Freedom: Ron's gate and go up in his field and go. So there is not traffic that goes clear from the beginning to where the map says to Sibley, It just isn't passable.

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01:23:49.590 --> 01:23:57.869

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) You give a sense of how, what distance you think is impassable, and I guess you could sort of take us back from the Sibley. (Mary Ann Bennett) Well, it's from. It's from where Steve's road is that

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01:23:58.100 --> 01:24:01.720

Town of Freedom: goes down to the starter Erin's

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01:24:01.940 --> 01:24:16.389

Town of Freedom: property we can show you. (Atty Kelly) Well, we want to hear from. Say what Steve says. I'm just trying to see if if you want to give us a sense of what you have found since 1988 is impassible. Let's do another.

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01:24:16.520 --> 01:24:23.150

Town of Freedom: (Mary Ann Bennett) It's easy to go back from Sibley Road. It's back up here where there's ... water here.

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01:24:23.440 --> 01:24:34.390

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) and you just mark the part that you think is impassible. Let me get this mark. We're using that the only one. So there's sort of just take it

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01:24:34.680 --> 01:24:38.219

Town of Freedom: alright. So that's impassible. Could you just put your initials on there? (Mary Ann Bennett) Okay.

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01:24:42.030 --> 01:24:43.740

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) great, you know.

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01:24:43.950 --> 01:24:50.462

Town of Freedom: But that's all I have for questions. (Larua Greeley) So Marianne, as you are an abutter? Are you?

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01:24:51.010 --> 01:24:54.243

Town of Freedom: opposed to some sort of

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01:24:55.030 --> 01:25:01.059

Town of Freedom: compromise? If we ever got to that point to allow foot traffic

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01:25:01.720 --> 01:25:07.740

Town of Freedom: (Mary Ann Bennett) that wouldn't bother me. We've had foot traffic, and it has not been a problem as far as I'm concerned.

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01:25:07.980 --> 01:25:09.100

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) Thank you.

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01:25:16.610 --> 01:25:26.599

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) All right. Who's next? Who hasn't spoken to you, sir? Yeah, I'm I'm Dave Bennett, of I own property on the road up there in question. I've been there for 45 years.

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01:25:27.090 --> 01:25:40.210

Town of Freedom: and I had. I at one time owned that property that took part, and I sold it to him. He built that road up there, and I cleared a path so I could get my snowmobile, and I rode my snowmobile on that on that same road.

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01:25:40.470 --> 01:25:46.109

Town of Freedom: and everybody you can't. You can't hide snowmobile tracks. They all

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01:25:46.230 --> 01:25:49.770

Town of Freedom: everybody that used that road came out on Ron Price's field.

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01:25:50.440 --> 01:26:00.279

Town of Freedom: There's 2 ways to get in that field, and they go around and come up around the gate just like everybody's been saying, that road is not passable the last probably

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01:26:00.700 --> 01:26:02.540

Town of Freedom: 300 yards, anyway.

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01:26:02.900 --> 01:26:08.869

Town of Freedom: And I'd also like to know? Everybody's saying they're hunting up there.

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01:26:09.802 --> 01:26:13.669

Town of Freedom: My land has been posted. That's probably
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01:26:14.120 --> 01:26:17.340

Town of Freedom: at least 2,500 feet of that road has been posted.
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01:26:17.620 --> 01:26:27.181

Town of Freedom: I really like to know where they're hunting? (Atty Kelly) Which 2,500
posted, would you say? Do you want to come up and mark them out as far as
again.

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01:26:29.200 --> 01:26:30.080

Town of Freedom: Oh.

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01:26:33.144 --> 01:26:51.979

Town of Freedom: mark where it's posted. Well, okay, this is.

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01:27:10.482 --> 01:27:24.169

Town of Freedom: it's just my side.

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01:27:25.950 --> 01:27:30.599

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) You're just gonna run a line on the area that's close to
that. You're talking about beautifully.

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01:27:30.810 --> 01:27:32.969

Town of Freedom: 7, \$2,500.

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01:27:33.950 --> 01:27:34.660

Town of Freedom: Yes.

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01:27:37.886 --> 01:27:52.633

Town of Freedom: So that section you did in yellow is the part that's
post. (Dave Bennett) Yeah. And it's probably more that's posted. (Atty Kelly) And which side of the
road will you want to go this side here?

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01:27:53.200 --> 01:27:54.910

Town of Freedom: guess that's the last thing we've done?

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01:27:55.507 --> 01:28:13.249

Town of Freedom: My house is right there. Okay, my property goes all the
way up from the Bennett Lane up to there, you know. One time there was
about 250 acres high.

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01:28:14.251 --> 01:28:35.289

Town of Freedom: (Larua Greeley) Yes. So when you say that snowmobilers cannot get
through. And I think Marianne might have said this. So are you guys
stressing when snowmobiles come in from this end, whereas if they come
in, I think other people have

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01:28:35.290 --> 01:28:49.389

Town of Freedom: testify information that they come in from this way. So you're saying, when snowmobiles cannot get through, it's when they come in from Steve Bennett's end. (Dave Bennett) Well, either way, this this section of the road.

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01:28:49.540 --> 01:28:51.359

Town of Freedom: There's a section here that

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01:28:51.500 --> 01:29:05.960

Town of Freedom: there's a section there that's totally washed out. There's trees this big around going in the roadmap. (Laura Greeley) So when people come in from this end they can. They can come quite a distance this way, and then they need to.

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01:29:05.960 --> 01:29:30.439

Town of Freedom: and all the tracks, all the tracks I've ever seen, and the tracks that I've made. They come out on to Ron's field. There's 2 places you can get in to Ron's field, and they go down the road between his fields right around the gate. Okay, that's where the gate

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01:29:31.960 --> 01:29:35.780

Town of Freedom: and, (Laura Greeley) Dave, what do you say about foot traffic?

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01:29:36.900 --> 01:29:39.080

Town of Freedom: (Dave Bennett) I don't have a problem with it. Okay.

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01:29:42.630 --> 01:29:56.220

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) all right. So rolling right along here. Who's next?

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01:29:57.120 --> 01:30:06.299

Town of Freedom: (Ron Littlefield) been here since 1972 use that road over the Beaver since I was a kid.

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01:30:06.790 --> 01:30:10.319

Town of Freedom: flipped it out and snowmobiled it with possible buses on it

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01:30:12.170 --> 01:30:14.160

Town of Freedom: that when I was a young fella

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01:30:14.680 --> 01:30:24.589

Town of Freedom: we rode up in Prices field one day on a 4 wheel. We got in trouble for it. So I mean, it's we used to come down the back of that field where Steve Road is.

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01:30:25.060 --> 01:30:31.600

Town of Freedom: Now that that's so bad we jump on Steve's little section. Go to the gate. I live on Deer Hill Road.

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01:30:33.100 --> 01:30:40.099

Town of Freedom: so I mean, we've used it. We've played out under the Beaver. We've used over the Beaver since we was kids.

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01:30:41.220 --> 01:31:01.060

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) When you say it used it with. One of the things we're trying to figure out is if you would drive if you (Ron Littlefield) drove horses on it. Dirt bikes, 4 wheelers, snowmobiles walk it. (Atty Kelly) And now which section are you talking about? Do you have a map handy? (Ron Littlefield) The whole road all the way through. (Atty Kelly) How often would you do that?

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01:31:01.540 --> 01:31:06.150

Town of Freedom: (Ron Littlefield) Not every day. But it's kids, I mean, we travel all them all roads.

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01:31:07.220 --> 01:31:17.000

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) How about more recent times. (Ron Littlefield) Recently I used it last summer. For what? an Atv ride. Go see people on the other side of town.

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01:31:17.280 --> 01:31:22.369

Town of Freedom: friends, family whatever. (Atty Kelly) So just like we've been hearing about. You go through Ron Prices. Field

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01:31:22.855 --> 01:31:28.230

Town of Freedom: (Ron Littlefield) used to do that, but we come down the end of Ron's Field to Ron's line.

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01:31:28.700 --> 01:31:31.860

Town of Freedom: where Steve's road meets the old town road.

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01:31:32.000 --> 01:31:39.690

Town of Freedom: It's all washed out. So we cross Steve's gate with them. Steve's his gate, his bridge go to Ron's Gate.

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01:31:39.800 --> 01:31:41.740

Town of Freedom: and that's right at the end of Deer Hill.

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01:31:42.060 --> 01:31:52.949

Town of Freedom: Okay, because that last little portion of the road, like Dave said. He's got trees and stuff growing up. It's all washed out. Steve's road is washed out. Why is he got a bridge in there

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01:31:53.820 --> 01:31:58.789

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) when you say the last portion of the road? So we're clear about what this? How far would you estimate?

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01:31:59.090 --> 01:32:01.510

Town of Freedom: Least? Watch out an ambassador?

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01:32:01.960 --> 01:32:04.199

Town of Freedom: (Ron Littlefield) 3, 400 yards, maybe. Okay.

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01:32:09.340 --> 01:32:12.110

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) I'm sorry. What's your address? (Ron Littlefield) 23.

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01:32:14.760 --> 01:32:19.350

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) When was the last last time you've been up there clipping or clearing

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01:32:20.340 --> 01:32:24.970

Town of Freedom: (Ron Littlefield) summer. I did a little bit summer before I did a little bit more.

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01:32:28.300 --> 01:32:30.270

Town of Freedom: and doing it since I was a kid.

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01:32:30.440 --> 01:32:37.050

Town of Freedom: and I actually had an encounter one winter. Almost told me with Sally. Hadyniak, She got running right out.

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01:32:37.666 --> 01:32:42.640

Town of Freedom: can't use this road. Can't use this road. And I said, Sally, I've been here a lot longer than you have.

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01:32:42.750 --> 01:32:50.430

Town of Freedom: I will use this road town says it's open to the public, we will still use it. Once I told her that it was no longer an issue.

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01:32:51.060 --> 01:33:02.729

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) so you never not used it or turned around when you were told told that it was private. (Ron Littlefield) Once I told her that I've been there forever. The town said it was open to the public.

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01:33:03.010 --> 01:33:04.950

Town of Freedom: It wasn't a problem anymore.

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01:33:07.690 --> 01:33:13.929

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Can you explain what that means when you say the town said, who who said,

(Ron Littlefield) Red Mitchell

(atty Kelly) and when would this have been

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01:33:15.130 --> 01:33:16.180

Town of Freedom: (Ron Littlefield) early eighties.

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01:33:21.850 --> 01:33:36.239

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) And what do you mean? He said it at a meeting at town meetings, or when people would complain about it, doing jobs here and there.

Ron Littlefield: I didn't follow the town politics much but I heard it directly from Red Mitchell, doing jobs here and there.

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01:33:36.540 --> 01:33:37.320

Town of Freedom: bye.

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01:33:44.600 --> 01:33:45.860

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) anything else, or

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01:33:46.090 --> 01:33:55.189

Town of Freedom: (Ron Littlefield) that's it. I guess we've used it since we were kids. We've owned this land around. It grew up here. We've respected it.

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01:33:55.300 --> 01:34:03.740

Town of Freedom: We respect people that come in from out-of-town thinking they can just close things down, and, you know.

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01:34:04.576 --> 01:34:08.689

Town of Freedom: close up the people that have been here forever to satisfy their needs.

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Atty Kelly: Are you ready to go Steve?

01:34:30.970 --> 01:34:36.750

Town of Freedom:(Steve Bennett) 1st of all have a concern about the way this process was has been directed.

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01:34:37.370 --> 01:34:40.199

Town of Freedom: I know you don't want to go into the law part out of it, but

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01:34:40.960 --> 01:34:47.910

Town of Freedom: I got a certified letter. About 40 of these were sent out to people in town, saying this was, gonna Be a hearing.

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01:34:48.190 --> 01:34:52.060

Town of Freedom: Oh, an MRSA, 30, 28. Dash a

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01:34:52.250 --> 01:34:55.440

Town of Freedom: that's what it says. I got a copy here, if you need that evidence.

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01:34:56.950 --> 01:35:03.380

Town of Freedom: Well, 30, 28 dash A has language in it that says, and I'll read it.

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01:35:06.910 --> 01:35:08.300

Town of Freedom: that

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01:35:13.800 --> 01:35:17.550

Town of Freedom: the municipal offices shall hold a public hearing

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01:35:17.960 --> 01:35:26.839

Town of Freedom: prior to voting to declare a town way discontinued by abandonment under subsection. 2.

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01:35:27.210 --> 01:35:35.800

Town of Freedom: Upon receipt of written request signed by at least 25% of the affected owner.

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01:35:37.410 --> 01:35:40.280

Town of Freedom: Then you gotta read the description of an affected owner.

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01:35:44.220 --> 01:35:57.610

Town of Freedom: An affected owner means or affected property means real property that abuts the town way to be declared discontinued by abandonment and real property, from which the town way

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01:35:57.820 --> 01:36:09.970

Town of Freedom: is the only access room. So if you own property on the, on a town way in question, and if that is the only access to your property.

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01:36:10.420 --> 01:36:13.040

Town of Freedom: then you are an affected property owner.

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01:36:13.840 --> 01:36:17.650

Town of Freedom: If you don't own a property

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01:36:18.130 --> 01:36:30.039

Town of Freedom: where that affected way that is your only access to your land. You are not an affected property owner, that is the clear language in 30, 28 day.

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01:36:31.200 --> 01:36:33.839

Town of Freedom: So my question to start off with is

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01:36:34.200 --> 01:36:44.080

Town of Freedom: when you decided to address have the sharing based upon

3, 28 Dash A, who was the affected property owners of Dashboard.

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01:36:45.170 --> 01:36:55.630

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) Steve, without getting into back and forth. The statute clearly authorizes the municipal officers to have this hearing, it also authorizes

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01:36:55.830 --> 01:37:02.480

Town of Freedom: private property owners if they wish, under that subsection. But if you look at subsection, 2 on page. On the 1st page.

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01:37:02.820 --> 01:37:08.769

Town of Freedom: Municipal officers or county commissioners may vote to declare a town way discontinued by abandonment. If

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01:37:09.580 --> 01:37:23.789

Town of Freedom: that's the authority when you get through the latter parts of the following part of the statute you're talking about, it's a right that's given that says not just municipal officers can do this, but if enough affected property owners show up, they could force it as well.

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01:37:24.010 --> 01:37:43.850

Town of Freedom: But we did use the affected property owner per section for was to sort of mirror the statute, and at least if somebody was in an abutter, then they got a direct letter, or if they seem to be affected because of the passage through that road may affect their ability to get to their home. So we blended a couple of things.

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01:37:44.100 --> 01:37:47.289

Town of Freedom: trying to give more specific notice to some people.

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01:37:47.580 --> 01:37:50.030

Town of Freedom: and the fact that the statute is.

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01:37:50.090 --> 01:38:10.400

Town of Freedom: I don't think the statute is drafted to say that municipal nobody but the effective abutters who want to sign a petition can have this hearing. I don't think that's how you read the statute. (Steve Bennett) I know what I hear what you're saying, but nevertheless, I'm not going to debate it with you. It says the municipal offices shall hold a public hearing prior to a vote.

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01:38:10.400 --> 01:38:26.269

Town of Freedom: Yes, they have the right to vote, but there shall be a public hearing, and that public hearing is only based upon at least 25% of the affected abutters. And what you're saying to me is you didn't follow the statute number one. (Atty Kelly)That's not what I'm saying.

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01:38:26.580 --> 01:38:34.689

Town of Freedom: (Steve Bennett) Well, it says it pretty clearly already. I can read. I'm not an attorney, but I can read. You can, but I guess I'll say this. I don't want to argue about it, but the point is.

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01:38:35.070 --> 01:38:41.869

Town of Freedom: (atty Kelly) the statute gives authority to the municipal offices, but it also gives authority

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01:38:42.000 --> 01:38:49.520

Town of Freedom: to the affected property owners to provide notice, as in the section you just know, there are 2 different sets of authorities. My partner.

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01:38:49.620 --> 01:38:59.129

Town of Freedom: (Steve Bennett) okay. And I also have a copy of Judge Lawson, the Superior Court Judge of Waldo County, and a court order that was written

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01:38:59.200 --> 01:39:20.349

Town of Freedom: and sent out December 30.th That said in very uncertain, very, very certain language, that 30, 28 a is not the ordinance that should be the statute that should be used for the purpose of this hearing tonight. It is inappropriate, and you denied your motion to dismiss it.

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01:39:20.980 --> 01:39:27.579

Town of Freedom: Okay, you don't. We don't argue with that. (Atty Kelly) I do. Would you like to hear or do?

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01:39:28.780 --> 01:39:38.769

Town of Freedom: I'll say what what the judge said. The judge's order

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Town of Freedom: is assuming all the facts that were in had any complaint were correct. That's how motions could dismissed work.

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01:39:49.430 --> 01:40:02.530

Town of Freedom: The second thing, he said was, there's no claim under 30, 2, 8 a. By the Hadniacs. Therefore the purpose of the motion to dismiss 30, 2, 8 a was not applicable

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01:40:02.680 --> 01:40:07.480

Town of Freedom: that has nothing to do with the Select Board Authority to have a hearing, as they're having a plan.

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01:40:10.280 --> 01:40:12.210

Town of Freedom: (Steve Bennett) Okay, we disagree.

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01:40:12.730 --> 01:40:21.819

Town of Freedom: Well, that'll probably happen again. But I know what the what the statute says, and I know what Judge Lawson said is very clear.

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01:40:22.150 --> 01:40:41.969

Town of Freedom: Last summer, in more than one conversation with Heather Donahue, she explained that the entire Beaver Hill Road was open, and provided a clear path for walking and Atv traffic all the way through to the Assembly Road, and I believe I just heard Ron Littlefield say the same thing for the sound of that.

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01:40:43.050 --> 01:40:46.049

Town of Freedom: I'm not hearing a denial on that, so I guess he did say it.

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01:40:46.540 --> 01:40:48.650

Town of Freedom: Well, that's not true.

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01:40:48.760 --> 01:40:54.460

Town of Freedom: It is not open. All the way through the should be road is is that you're looking at about

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01:40:54.920 --> 01:41:03.919

Town of Freedom: close to 2,000 feet of road that was entirely destroyed by the hurricanes in 1954, and I'll get to that later. But

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01:41:04.450 --> 01:41:22.159

Town of Freedom: She exclaimed, that the Beaver Hill Road was open and provided a clear path for walking, and Atv traffic all the way through to the Sibley Road. He also went on to explain that Bob Kanzer cut and removed the trees in order to open the path, and I know he didn't, but he said he did.

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01:41:26.400 --> 01:41:32.500

Town of Freedom: Brother, she made the same statement at the last selection workshop in November which you all were at.

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01:41:32.610 --> 01:41:37.440

Town of Freedom: You said that, and I know you heard it. I know I heard it.

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01:41:38.030 --> 01:41:45.240

Town of Freedom: Did I get it on tape and recorded very clear, and it's just completely wrong.

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01:41:46.810 --> 01:42:04.369

Town of Freedom: I've tried to explain to her that the open road, which is a Dead End Road, is entirely on land the wife and I gave to our daughter and her son-in-law as a wedding gift 24 years ago, and it is

adjacent to, but not part of the Beaver Hill Road. So we have kind of 2 issues here.

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01:42:04.770 --> 01:42:07.150

Town of Freedom: Where is the Beaver Hill Road

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Town of Freedom: on that end? We're just all grown up and washed out.

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01:42:10.910 --> 01:42:13.130

Town of Freedom: And you know, where is

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01:42:13.430 --> 01:42:21.210

Town of Freedom: this road? The road that we gave our daughter? It's more. It's pretty clear you've been there, Ryan. You know exactly where both of them are.

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01:42:21.370 --> 01:42:23.690

Town of Freedom: You identified it? But I didn't have to tell you.

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01:42:24.180 --> 01:42:44.520

Town of Freedom: and I don't know if you ever came up and looked at it. Laura. I asked you a number of times, and you refuse to come up. Have you been up lately in the last couple of days? (Laura Greeley) No, so they don't. Addressing in this proceeding. Where Steve's Road is that he?

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01:42:44.890 --> 01:43:07.449

Town of Freedom: I'm just trying to understand how that fits in with. (Steve Bennett) Well, you've got a select board member, saying, Laura, that the road that Rick cleared is the Beaver Hill Road, and it is not okay. And that's if you came up and looked at it, you would agree with that. I actually had made plans. Just so, you know, this Sunday. Do that with Ryan, and I was sick.

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01:43:07.620 --> 01:43:16.280

Town of Freedom: So let me talk about the one more thing, and that was also stated, and that is that Bennett Lane, across the road from my house

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Town of Freedom: is also a public play

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01:43:19.477 --> 01:43:35.110

Town of Freedom: that is connected to Beaver Hill Road by the trail that Rick Madden also cut 20 years ago across the lot that Dave and I own together a long time, Dave owned separately, and now I own that road connects the end of Beaver Hill.

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01:43:35.210 --> 01:43:42.139

Town of Freedom: You can see it on the, on the photos, there to the Beavis, the end of Bennet Lane to Beaver Hill Road.

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01:43:42.610 --> 01:43:48.159

Town of Freedom: and that also is a public way. It's a hundred percent on private land.

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01:43:48.380 --> 01:43:52.720

Town of Freedom: Bennett Lane used to be called the Penny Road. In 1990.

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01:43:53.390 --> 01:44:03.770

Town of Freedom: Red Mitchell put it out from the warrant for the town meeting to declare that road a private road. The town voted that, and that would have been a private road in a sense.

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01:44:04.040 --> 01:44:06.069

Town of Freedom: But I have seen this summer

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01:44:06.570 --> 01:44:09.720

Town of Freedom: so many TV traffic come and go on that road.

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01:44:09.850 --> 01:44:24.540

Town of Freedom: I see Atvs come out of that lane. Go up the hill other day there'd be Atvs, come down the road, go in that lane and take off. I was in doing some remodeling in a room in the front of the house. I couldn't get out there in time to catch up with them. I I would have.

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01:44:26.210 --> 01:44:28.190

Town of Freedom: But they're trespassing.

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01:44:28.470 --> 01:44:33.330

Town of Freedom: And I believe that that is encouraging this thinking. Well, it's a public road.

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01:44:33.800 --> 01:44:37.539

Town of Freedom: and I've got emails from her, saying, That's the case.

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01:44:37.720 --> 01:44:44.680

Town of Freedom: So no, this is not. This is not how a select board should be reactive.

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01:44:45.340 --> 01:44:56.369

Town of Freedom: Ryan called me last week to ask me if I was aware of brush and trees being put being pulled down and cut by an excavator on my daughter's road. Right, Ryan.

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01:44:57.130 --> 01:45:02.810

Town of Freedom: Yeah, you suggested that I take a look at it because I

hadn't know anything about it.

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01:45:03.560 --> 01:45:07.819

Town of Freedom: He said that somebody showed him a photo of an excavator on her road.

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01:45:08.920 --> 01:45:17.399

Town of Freedom: He also said the excavator was driven up the hill road in order to get to my daughter's road, because they didn't go up by my house, where I would have seen it.

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01:45:19.830 --> 01:45:23.810

Town of Freedom: Ryan said he called the town attorney Bill.

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01:45:23.970 --> 01:45:31.909

Town of Freedom: who said that he, Ryan, should call me to let me know he did. I appreciate that from both of you. I didn't know this was going on.

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01:45:32.120 --> 01:45:39.420

Town of Freedom: I went up there, and I found the excavated tracks I call. I saw trees and brush ripped down on the edge of the road.

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01:45:39.680 --> 01:45:47.479

Town of Freedom: and when I went to the end of it, where it was the end, because Rick couldn't get any further. It turns into swamp. I'm talking about roughly

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01:45:47.670 --> 01:45:52.360

Town of Freedom: 1,800 feet from the Assembly Road. I've heard different

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01:45:52.860 --> 01:46:03.490

Town of Freedom: dimensions here 300 yards, and this and that it's about 1,800 feet from the Sibley Road to Ron's last field. That's where the washout began.

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01:46:03.840 --> 01:46:04.760

Town of Freedom: Alright.

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01:46:06.800 --> 01:46:14.149

Town of Freedom: I found excavated tracks, and when I walked into the woods for the next 3 or 40 feet I found orange blazes all over the place.

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01:46:14.940 --> 01:46:17.700

Town of Freedom: dozens of them alright.

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01:46:17.940 --> 01:46:21.919

Town of Freedom: and I can see where somebody had come up to the end of the Dead End Road, that

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01:46:22.220 --> 01:46:24.249

Town of Freedom: I only own my daughter's land.

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01:46:25.140 --> 01:46:30.219

Town of Freedom: And then they started blazing, the woods going from the end of that road into the woods.

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01:46:30.530 --> 01:46:34.349

Town of Freedom: and then I could see it was easy to visualize. Oh, wait a minute!

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01:46:35.200 --> 01:46:36.619

Town of Freedom: Whoever was doing this?

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01:46:37.290 --> 01:46:43.680

Town of Freedom: Oh, this is not gonna come out even with original Beaver Ridge Road, and they were on the wrong path.

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01:46:43.950 --> 01:46:50.649

Town of Freedom: to the left so that it would line up with the original Beaver Hill Road, so they figured out

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01:46:51.200 --> 01:46:54.490

Town of Freedom: on their own. Believe it or not, but

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01:46:54.620 --> 01:46:56.889

Town of Freedom: they were on the wrong path.

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01:46:58.520 --> 01:47:07.792

Town of Freedom: So I I don't like that. What's going on there. I don't like somebody saying

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01:47:08.240 --> 01:47:19.079

Town of Freedom: a road on our land that is, 100% on our land. A 100% of my daughter's land is a public way, and is on the select board making this

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01:47:19.530 --> 01:47:25.300

Town of Freedom: oh, wait, which is just unfounded.

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01:47:25.760 --> 01:47:29.639

Town of Freedom: And will they ride one up?

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01:47:32.110 --> 01:47:43.390

Town of Freedom: What? 4, 5 days ago, I guess 3 days ago green ribbons, so anybody could see where the actual view of the hill road was which I appreciate him doing.

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01:47:43.960 --> 01:47:47.030

Town of Freedom: He put them on both sides of the road, because Deer Hill.

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01:47:47.210 --> 01:47:50.220

Town of Freedom: which was Beaver Ridge until 24 years ago.

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01:47:50.440 --> 01:47:53.259

Town of Freedom: line up way directly across from each other.

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01:47:53.400 --> 01:47:59.819

Town of Freedom: We put room. Green Room is up there, so you can see clearly where maybe we all wrote it.

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01:48:00.180 --> 01:48:06.150

Town of Freedom: It was no road there now, and actually drew.

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01:48:07.880 --> 01:48:09.459

Town of Freedom: Then I got a call.

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01:48:10.830 --> 01:48:19.550

Town of Freedom: So, indeed from dialogue, saying that Heather walked past his house. Had a wrong game. Camera, called me up

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01:48:19.760 --> 01:48:21.319

Town of Freedom: head in your direction.

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01:48:21.480 --> 01:48:27.979

Town of Freedom: 29. One up there in our car sat there in the car, or maybe 5, 10 min.

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01:48:28.130 --> 01:48:32.669

Town of Freedom: as it comes walking down the road with her dogs.

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01:48:33.920 --> 01:48:35.910

Town of Freedom: goes over into the middle of

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01:48:36.020 --> 01:48:40.200

Town of Freedom: my daughter's road, walked down the middle of that and down on the Sibley Road.

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01:48:40.970 --> 01:48:45.750

Town of Freedom: I didn't get out of the car, roll my window down, I said, Heather, you realize you're trespassing

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01:48:47.010 --> 01:48:49.830

Town of Freedom: on. It's like you're not on the town road.

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01:48:50.560 --> 01:48:53.989

Town of Freedom: And the response was, You got a survey?

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01:48:55.300 --> 01:48:59.860

Town of Freedom: Yeah, I do. But you're the one that is trespassing, and I don't need to produce a survey. You do.

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01:49:00.260 --> 01:49:05.959

Town of Freedom: I didn't say that at the time. I didn't think of it, but but she was on

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01:49:06.590 --> 01:49:11.020

Town of Freedom: not on the town road of

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01:49:11.680 --> 01:49:14.790

Town of Freedom: I actually did you? Did you see the

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01:49:16.900 --> 01:49:20.219

Town of Freedom: no Trespassing signs that are on both sides of the road.

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01:49:20.910 --> 01:49:23.200

Town of Freedom: Yep, they didn't know.

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01:49:23.880 --> 01:49:25.380

Town of Freedom: I asked her.

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01:49:25.720 --> 01:49:29.610

Town of Freedom: Did you put those orange blazes up?

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01:49:30.910 --> 01:49:35.250

Town of Freedom: He's my witness. Yes, shoot it.

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01:49:36.300 --> 01:49:39.850

Town of Freedom: She fans those Orange Place administrators right there.

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01:49:42.620 --> 01:49:45.249

Town of Freedom: I wonder who would who the excavator was?

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01:49:45.790 --> 01:49:51.180

Town of Freedom: I know it didn't come up my hill, up up Sibley Road. He drove up Deer Hills.

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01:49:51.450 --> 01:49:55.919

Town of Freedom: Well, I know one person on Deer Hill got an excavator sitting right behind you.

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01:49:57.420 --> 01:49:58.350

Town of Freedom: Alright.

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01:49:58.890 --> 01:50:06.849

Town of Freedom: Nobody said it was wrong until I talked to one of the people that also got that boat, he said, yeah, I saw him drive his excavator right by.

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01:50:08.080 --> 01:50:15.219

Town of Freedom: Went up there. I don't know where you saw that picture you saw. I'm gonna ask you again who showed you that picture?

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01:50:17.060 --> 01:50:18.350

Town of Freedom: You're not gonna talk.

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01:50:18.570 --> 01:50:19.470

Town of Freedom: Okay?

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01:50:20.840 --> 01:50:26.039

Town of Freedom: You know I respect you 2 guys greatly.

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01:50:26.610 --> 01:50:29.250

Town of Freedom: but that you represent the town.

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01:50:29.360 --> 01:50:32.020

Town of Freedom: You don't represent a person who's prospection.

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01:50:33.430 --> 01:50:36.209

Town of Freedom: That is not the way you should be working.

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01:50:36.810 --> 01:50:57.390

Town of Freedom: so I do want to say that as soon as we found that out for advice of Bill he had me immediately. Send out a text to let anyone who's going up there? Send it out to Heather, telling her that Bill has said, Do not go

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01:50:57.390 --> 01:51:09.219

Town of Freedom: well, I understand. You didn't tell me that, but I heard through the grapevine that you did that. But nevertheless, I like to know you know these things. Someone's trespassing on my daughter's land.

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01:51:09.270 --> 01:51:15.819

Town of Freedom: cutting down brush, cutting down trees right? I thought you called in and told him, Yeah, you did. But you didn't tell me who did.

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01:51:16.240 --> 01:51:18.650

Town of Freedom: And you're not the only you don't want to tell me now.

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01:51:18.750 --> 01:51:23.939

Town of Freedom: So to me, this is just way overboard.

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01:51:24.150 --> 01:51:27.850

Town of Freedom: trespassing. It's it's destroying private property.

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01:51:28.290 --> 01:51:30.020

Town of Freedom: There's no question about it.

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01:51:30.910 --> 01:51:41.510

Town of Freedom: and I'm not gonna put up with it. I fried. If you keep asking everybody, would you compromise? But if there's a private road, would you compromise? I've tried this over and over, and Bill knows that I tried it

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01:51:41.800 --> 01:51:55.809

Town of Freedom: all right. I tried to make it a situation where foot traffic, only I'm fine with that. Now I'll tell you, with this kind of crap going on. I am not so eager to make that compromise anymore, not saying I wouldn't. But

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01:51:56.110 --> 01:52:01.840

Town of Freedom: I don't think what this is where this has been going is the way it should be handled.

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01:52:02.240 --> 01:52:11.750

Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) So Steve, before you get off of orange markings. So I I'm not really clear for all the orange markings on your daughter's property.

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01:52:12.190 --> 01:52:18.889

Town of Freedom: (Steve Bennett) but most of the way, and then they at the last path they kind of went to the left and got on the original Beaver Hill Road. Thank you.

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01:52:19.320 --> 01:52:28.770

Town of Freedom: And there's a there's dozens of probably 4 and a half long on just a whole bunch of new 3 cans of orange paint.

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01:52:33.500 --> 01:52:37.970

Town of Freedom: After seeing all that and hearing her comments

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01:52:38.460 --> 01:52:52.429

Town of Freedom: and and knowing that there definitely was an excavator up there, the tracks are up there. I brushed away some snow. There were excavator tracks that were thrown in the ground. There's no question that an excavator was up there, plus the trees are all sky

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01:52:53.180 --> 01:52:55.745

Town of Freedom: going over here on this. So I

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01:52:57.180 --> 01:53:00.980

Town of Freedom: I called the sheriff's department. I filed a criminal complaint.

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01:53:03.310 --> 01:53:09.560

Town of Freedom: Sorry to have to do that, but that's where we're at is being investigated

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01:53:09.730 --> 01:53:12.079

Town of Freedom: by a deputy sheriff from the county.

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01:53:12.180 --> 01:53:15.279

Town of Freedom: I expect to get an incident report sometime this week.

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01:53:15.540 --> 01:53:19.270

Town of Freedom: and he's gonna be interviewing some more people, I believe.

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01:53:20.130 --> 01:53:22.119

Town of Freedom: because I'm not gonna let this go on.

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01:53:22.270 --> 01:53:26.569

Town of Freedom: It's 1 thing to be in a dispute, a dispute or disagreement over.

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01:53:26.700 --> 01:53:36.320

Town of Freedom: Where's the Beaver Hill Road? Is it open or not? It's another thing to be using that as an excuse to try to take somebody else's property away.

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01:53:36.790 --> 01:53:42.719

Town of Freedom: and if you continue to do that, you will open up the town for the illegal taking.

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01:53:43.910 --> 01:53:46.900

Town of Freedom: and I will go after the town 3,000.

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01:53:47.220 --> 01:53:49.320

Town of Freedom: We'll know how I work.

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01:53:50.110 --> 01:54:00.120

Town of Freedom: You would go. I didn't hear you. You would go after the town. Yes, I would. Okay, absolutely, because you're not going to take away my land illegally.

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01:54:02.290 --> 01:54:05.010

Town of Freedom: Alright 12!

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01:54:05.570 --> 01:54:13.230

Town of Freedom: With that out of the way I would like to move on through some facts.

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01:54:13.930 --> 01:54:14.910

Town of Freedom: Right?

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01:54:15.650 --> 01:54:16.690

Town of Freedom: Oh.

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01:54:16.900 --> 01:54:33.580

Town of Freedom: I had asked earlier a couple of times if I could do a Powerpoint presentation, and I was never told that I could. I? I told Alexis to let you know. Once I found out yesterday from Steve

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01:54:34.104 --> 01:54:46.859

Town of Freedom: and I wanted to do that because it's so much better than just sitting here talking about where this is, where that is drawing lines on. Nobody else can see where the lines are being drawn.

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01:54:47.390 --> 01:54:53.339

Town of Freedom: That would have been perfect. And when I looked on the website tonight, after I walked in here.

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01:54:53.470 --> 01:54:58.169

Town of Freedom: and it says this meeting is in the town office and that the Historical Society is being here.

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01:54:58.420 --> 01:55:05.458

Town of Freedom: I thought I went in there thinking that's where the meeting was gonna be. Because that's what the website said.

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01:55:06.130 --> 01:55:07.720

Town of Freedom: what are you gonna do?

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01:55:07.900 --> 01:55:16.679

Town of Freedom: So I wanna give you a 2 facts here 1st of all, and I'm going to kind of hold these up. And then you say, Steve, if you want to do the Powerpoint next time

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01:55:17.150 --> 01:55:24.859

Town of Freedom: I might. But I'm gonna stop tonight and do it anyway. Okay, here is the night, 1859, map

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01:55:25.420 --> 01:55:28.780

Town of Freedom: freedom, which is on the down office wall.

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01:55:29.450 --> 01:55:33.620

Town of Freedom: Alright, and if you look at that back, if you look at it closely.

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01:55:33.740 --> 01:55:49.630

Town of Freedom: all of Beaver Hill Road is on there. All of the road that connects to Beaver Hill, goes down through and crosses over the under Beaver Hill Road, and then over to Smithton. That road is there. The entire road. I don't know what the name of that was.

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01:55:49.820 --> 01:55:55.629

Town of Freedom: It's lost in time, it's all showing there. But from that intersection with

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01:55:55.910 --> 01:56:01.809

Town of Freedom: over the Beaver to under the beaver intersection right there. There are 5 or 6 homes

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01:56:02.110 --> 01:56:07.459

Town of Freedom: identified on that map between the Intersection and Assembly Road.

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01:56:07.650 --> 01:56:12.680

Town of Freedom: So people were living on that road at one time I have found one

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01:56:12.880 --> 01:56:21.180

Town of Freedom: large foundation there. There may be one another, one or 2 more, but I've not been able to find them. But that large foundation.

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01:56:21.300 --> 01:56:28.389

Town of Freedom: There's a tree, probably this big throwing out of the middle of the foundation. So I'd say it's been quite a while since that house is not lived in.

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01:56:29.400 --> 01:56:31.080

Town of Freedom: This is a

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01:56:32.460 --> 01:56:36.120

Town of Freedom: You were a Geological Survey back right.

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01:56:36.710 --> 01:56:43.920

Town of Freedom: Governor Haynes name is on the top, William T. Haynes. I looked him up.

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01:56:44.250 --> 01:56:48.890

Town of Freedom: and he was the Governor of Maine from 1913 to 1915.
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01:56:49.200 --> 01:56:55.969
Town of Freedom: So this is a map, a topical map right at some time.
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01:56:56.080 --> 01:56:59.809
Town of Freedom: one of those 3 years 1913 to 1915,
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01:57:00.570 --> 01:57:06.110
Town of Freedom: that same stretch of road from the intersection with the
road leading to under Beaver Hill.
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01:57:06.510 --> 01:57:12.830
Town of Freedom: 2 Sibley road shows no homes, no houses on that road
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01:57:13.810 --> 01:57:17.250
Town of Freedom: between 1859 and 1915.
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01:57:17.860 --> 01:57:19.569
Town of Freedom: The homes are no longer there.
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01:57:20.600 --> 01:57:32.959
Town of Freedom: All right. People stop living on. There are other houses
only Ward's houses there. Other houses. There are 3 or 4 homes on the
under Beaver Hill, lots of homes on Smithson. My home was there on Sibley
Road.
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01:57:33.450 --> 01:57:41.149
Town of Freedom: nothing on that stretch of road for about 8, 8 or 9,000
people, not a single home. That's an important fact to understand.
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01:57:41.970 --> 01:57:44.730
Town of Freedom: You don't maintain roads where people don't live.
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01:57:45.860 --> 01:57:48.300
Town of Freedom: That's something we're talking about now, mainly.
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01:57:48.840 --> 01:57:54.079
Town of Freedom: Here's a population chart census records in the town of
Fridge. Interesting history.
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01:57:54.750 --> 01:57:58.080
Town of Freedom: That was the 1st settler 1794,
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01:57:58.190 --> 01:58:03.609
Town of Freedom: Stephen Smith, revolutionary, Wallace, number 1, 1794.
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01:58:03.770 --> 01:58:09.969

Town of Freedom: In a very short time by 1820, when names became a State population grew from 0

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01:58:11.170 --> 01:58:12.830

Town of Freedom: to 7, 88.

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01:58:13.760 --> 01:58:16.204

Town of Freedom: It's about 60 more people we have today.

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01:58:17.715 --> 01:58:18.220

Town of Freedom: Right?

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01:58:18.740 --> 01:58:28.739

Town of Freedom: That's that's what you call rapid growth percentage wise. It didn't stop. Then, by 1840 the population reached almost 1,200 people in the town.

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01:58:28.960 --> 01:58:30.950

Town of Freedom: and then it shrunk ever since.

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01:58:31.150 --> 01:58:32.760

Town of Freedom: Until recent years.

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01:58:33.700 --> 01:58:35.720

Town of Freedom: By the 19 seventies

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01:58:36.300 --> 01:58:41.559

Town of Freedom: it was down in the 3 hundreds, it lost about 75% of the population.

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01:58:41.950 --> 01:58:44.840

Town of Freedom: Today, we're 7, 26.

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01:58:46.060 --> 01:58:51.880

Town of Freedom: So in 200 years we have not recovered while population remains safe

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01:58:52.070 --> 01:58:59.310

Town of Freedom: when you get that kind of shrinkage from 1,200 down to 300 and something over that 100 year period, you're gonna have people

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01:59:01.230 --> 01:59:04.779

Town of Freedom: leaving their homes to go place someplace else to work.

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01:59:05.540 --> 01:59:08.889

Town of Freedom: In the early part of the 18 hundreds

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01:59:09.190 --> 01:59:16.400

Town of Freedom: there were businesses, there were tanneries, there were sawmills, there were Shoe company there Will Bruce Mills.

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01:59:16.570 --> 01:59:20.509

Town of Freedom: All those things were in the town of freedom in the village.

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01:59:21.410 --> 01:59:24.549

Town of Freedom: Well, this is a small screen. Fancy screen.

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01:59:24.900 --> 01:59:26.810

Town of Freedom: The big rivers took over.

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01:59:27.270 --> 01:59:32.910

Town of Freedom: I looked at the population of Waterville in 1840, when we were about 1,200. They were about twice their size.

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01:59:33.280 --> 01:59:35.329

Town of Freedom: We were almost as big as a lot of them.

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01:59:35.480 --> 01:59:36.850

Town of Freedom: 1840.

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01:59:37.412 --> 01:59:45.289

Town of Freedom: So the big rivers took over and people left small towns like this to go to the factories, the Industrial revolution, so on and so forth

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01:59:45.790 --> 01:59:46.500

Town of Freedom: and

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01:59:48.430 --> 01:59:52.929

Town of Freedom: But when that happens, Red Mitchell, who was select one for 50 years, he was.

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01:59:53.110 --> 01:59:57.600

Town of Freedom: He was the 1st selectman. For 50 years he had, he had to figure out a way to

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01:59:57.840 --> 01:59:59.279

Town of Freedom: make a budget.

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01:59:59.460 --> 02:00:04.330

Town of Freedom: When the population was declining, declining properties were being abandoned.

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02:00:04.580 --> 02:00:10.269

Town of Freedom: and one of the easiest ways just don't bother to

maintain that road anymore. No one lives on it.

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02:00:11.360 --> 02:00:16.670

Town of Freedom: This is a 1939 aerial photo.

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02:00:17.070 --> 02:00:19.910

Town of Freedom: 1939 from the Usda.

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02:00:20.380 --> 02:00:34.919

Town of Freedom: And if you could look at this, if I put it up on screen, you can see the Sibley road, Bennett Lane. You can see the Albion Road. You can see North Level Road. You can see Greeley Road. You can see Smithton Road, and you can see the end

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02:00:35.120 --> 02:00:38.260

Town of Freedom: of the do. You have a hill road?

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02:00:38.460 --> 02:00:42.149

Town of Freedom: But for about 8,000 feet you cannot see any

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02:00:42.410 --> 02:00:51.040

Town of Freedom: maintained road at all. You can say, well, the trees grow over. And you know, blah blah, wherever there's a road that was maintained, you can see a white path

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02:00:51.730 --> 02:01:00.020

Town of Freedom: 1839 right now in front of you. There's something you can look at right now.

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02:01:00.310 --> 02:01:04.509

Town of Freedom: I brought in a folder right there, and I want you to look at that.

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02:01:05.440 --> 02:01:12.740

Town of Freedom: That folder is a main traffic flow map.

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02:01:13.220 --> 02:01:18.070

Town of Freedom: I found that in my house when we bought it in 1980,

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02:01:18.810 --> 02:01:25.630

Town of Freedom: and it was left there by William Black, and we bought the house from. He bought the place in 1939.

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02:01:25.990 --> 02:01:30.879

Town of Freedom: His son was a surveyor, and so he was interested in this kind of stuff.

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02:01:31.400 --> 02:01:37.880

Town of Freedom: This is a traffic flow map that was sponsored
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02:01:38.040 --> 02:01:41.620
Town of Freedom: actually by the State of Maine Transportation
Department.
794
02:01:41.990 --> 02:01:50.500
Town of Freedom: largely financed by the Works Progress Administration,
one of the administrative oh.
795
02:01:50.630 --> 02:01:55.359
Town of Freedom: portions of the Franklin Roosevelt Administration.
796
02:01:56.310 --> 02:02:00.320
Town of Freedom: This was written between 1936, and 1937,
797
02:02:00.600 --> 02:02:09.520
Town of Freedom: 30. Excuse me, 30, 38, 39, between 37 and 39, they put
this together. Now, this wasn't just for me.
798
02:02:09.850 --> 02:02:11.939
Town of Freedom: This was a federal program.
799
02:02:12.570 --> 02:02:17.540
Town of Freedom: The purpose of this was to determines
800
02:02:18.580 --> 02:02:28.770
Town of Freedom: in every town, in every county, in every State in
America, what rows there were, where they were.
801
02:02:29.120 --> 02:02:32.680
Town of Freedom: where they maintained for traffic, and how much traffic
802
02:02:33.520 --> 02:02:36.100
Town of Freedom: that was the goal of this, and that's what they did.
803
02:02:37.050 --> 02:02:41.640
Town of Freedom: So every county is in that map, and you want to open up.
You'll see. Next to the last page
804
02:02:41.820 --> 02:02:48.809
Town of Freedom: all of Waldo County is showing this nothing, all right.
805
02:02:49.510 --> 02:02:56.065
Town of Freedom: and all I did was I opened it up and I looked at that
map and
806
02:02:57.780 --> 02:03:01.299

Town of Freedom: I went to the 1st of the Waldo County page.
807
02:03:02.220 --> 02:03:05.660
Town of Freedom: and on the Waldo County page
808
02:03:07.320 --> 02:03:10.980
Town of Freedom: you can see the town of freedom pretty well drawn out.
809
02:03:11.680 --> 02:03:13.239
Town of Freedom: Freedom is on there.
810
02:03:13.490 --> 02:03:19.490
Town of Freedom: Okay, and you can see the road leading off.
811
02:03:20.000 --> 02:03:32.797
Town of Freedom: Let me really wrong going by Holy Wad's house, going
right to where the intersection was
812
02:03:34.320 --> 02:03:36.779
Town of Freedom: with the road leading to under Beaver Hill.
813
02:03:37.790 --> 02:03:40.639
Town of Freedom: But that road underneath the hill is not there.
814
02:03:41.420 --> 02:03:42.769
Town of Freedom: What does that mean?
815
02:03:43.400 --> 02:03:50.950
Town of Freedom: That means by 1937, 1939, the road connecting Beaver
Hill
816
02:03:51.580 --> 02:03:56.160
Town of Freedom: to under Beaver Hill was no longer maintained, because
it's not even on the map.
817
02:03:57.420 --> 02:04:03.170
Town of Freedom: Likewise the road from the end of that point where the
road.
818
02:04:03.540 --> 02:04:07.310
Town of Freedom: 2 over Beaver Hill and the road 2 under Beaver Hill.
819
02:04:08.080 --> 02:04:11.479
Town of Freedom: the road going over the other hill. That's not there
either.
820
02:04:12.370 --> 02:04:14.420
Town of Freedom: It's completely disappeared.

821

02:04:14.640 --> 02:04:17.069

Town of Freedom: It was not a maintained road.

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02:04:17.220 --> 02:04:19.599

Town of Freedom: it was not. There was no traffic there

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02:04:20.090 --> 02:04:27.859

Town of Freedom: now. There was a trail there, and you guys can say you rode your 4, Wheeler up there 10 times a day or whatever. But there was no main change road.

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02:04:27.990 --> 02:04:35.310

Town of Freedom: the town stopped maintaining that road somewhere before 1930, so

825

02:04:37.130 --> 02:04:39.330

Town of Freedom: it's almost a hundred years ago.

826

02:04:39.970 --> 02:04:44.949

Town of Freedom: No, that is significant information to me, that is the

827

02:04:45.100 --> 02:04:49.740

Town of Freedom: the best piece of information that I found in a long time about the history of that road.

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02:04:50.410 --> 02:05:02.960

Town of Freedom: This town did not maintain that road. Why wasn't a house being lived in that whole stretch of the road? Why would you do it now, when we talk about discontinuing, you gotta understand the language

829

02:05:03.380 --> 02:05:04.990

Town of Freedom: or discontinue it.

830

02:05:06.010 --> 02:05:11.469

Town of Freedom: Roads can be discontinued in lots of ways. They can be discontinued by a board of the town.

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02:05:11.640 --> 02:05:21.780

Town of Freedom: they can be discontinued with public access, they can be discontinued without public access, they can be discontinued by a lord of the select board.

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02:05:23.050 --> 02:05:27.590

Town of Freedom: but they can also be discontinued just by abandon them.

833

02:05:28.100 --> 02:05:30.679

Town of Freedom: We're good, and, in fact.

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02:05:30.860 --> 02:05:40.480

Town of Freedom: that is how the greatest number of roads in town have been discontinued was by abandonment and freedom today.

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02:05:41.660 --> 02:05:43.640

Town of Freedom: and I kept the chat on this.

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02:05:44.030 --> 02:05:48.710

Town of Freedom: There are about 20. Here we go.

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02:05:54.080 --> 02:06:02.820

Town of Freedom: There are 30 miles of maintained roads. In town, between State and town, mostly town 30 miles.

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02:06:04.500 --> 02:06:12.989

Town of Freedom: There are 8 miles of roads discontinued by a public vote with public access.

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02:06:14.650 --> 02:06:20.089

Town of Freedom: There are 2 miles of roads discontinued without public access.

840

02:06:21.580 --> 02:06:27.129

Town of Freedom: There's 1 mile of road made private by a town.

841

02:06:27.260 --> 02:06:31.040

Town of Freedom: both at a annual town meeting.

842

02:06:31.470 --> 02:06:38.419

Town of Freedom: and there's 1.3 miles of roads made private by only a short board vote not that long ago.

843

02:06:39.270 --> 02:06:45.899

Town of Freedom: but there are almost 10 miles of roads discontinued by abandonment.

844

02:06:46.880 --> 02:06:51.770

Town of Freedom: We have 22 miles with roads in town, all the town roads.

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02:06:52.000 --> 02:06:54.879

Town of Freedom: and every so often I'll discover some other.

846

02:06:55.440 --> 02:06:56.370

Town of Freedom: Oh.

847

02:06:56.540 --> 02:07:03.149

Town of Freedom: way that may have been a town road. It's hard to say

some of this stuff is lost in time, but clearly

848

02:07:04.120 --> 02:07:08.679

Town of Freedom: there's a lot of roads. So if you want, if you want to go on and tackle

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02:07:08.890 --> 02:07:12.229

Town of Freedom: more roads and try to make them public ways.

850

02:07:12.750 --> 02:07:14.630

Town of Freedom: We got your work cut off there.

851

02:07:15.060 --> 02:07:16.800

Town of Freedom: There's a lot of people that.

852

02:07:17.050 --> 02:07:24.599

Town of Freedom: And we've given people permits to build houses on discontinued roads, on abandoned roads.

853

02:07:24.940 --> 02:07:34.849

Town of Freedom: and out of their pocket. They paid for the road, build up interesting of power line everything.

854

02:07:35.410 --> 02:07:40.399

Town of Freedom: It's essentially they're paying taxes twice, once for their own road.

855

02:07:40.550 --> 02:07:50.200

Town of Freedom: then again for everybody, everybody else's road in town. They know what they were getting into when they moved there, but I think that their expectation that it should be

856

02:07:50.410 --> 02:07:53.070

Town of Freedom: a private road is reasonable.

857

02:07:53.300 --> 02:08:03.110

Town of Freedom: So in this case, if we get back to to the role of what you have for our evidence. I appreciate your knowledge of the town, but we're trying to figure out what's going on this.

858

02:08:03.330 --> 02:08:15.909

Town of Freedom: So that was that was the map. That was the what I saw in 1919 37, through 1939, that road, Beville road on the intersection

859

02:08:16.120 --> 02:08:19.869

Town of Freedom: with a road to under Beaver Hill, over the Assembly Road.

860

02:08:20.500 --> 02:08:21.520

Town of Freedom: What's it going?

861

02:08:21.990 --> 02:08:25.380

Town of Freedom: Well, it's not anything at all. That map right there shows us.

862

02:08:26.100 --> 02:08:32.299

Town of Freedom: In 1948 the Select Board petitioned the County Commissioners to not have to

863

02:08:32.590 --> 02:08:38.149

Town of Freedom: maintain one half mile road from the only Wood House

864

02:08:39.470 --> 02:08:43.859

Town of Freedom: that was it that was the wording, and not have to maintain a half mile of road

865

02:08:44.200 --> 02:08:51.939

Town of Freedom: which lines right up perfect with the intersection with the road under the Beaver Hill. The County Commissioners approved that petition.

866

02:08:52.640 --> 02:08:55.820

Town of Freedom: That was 1948, 1954.

867

02:08:56.080 --> 02:09:07.250

Town of Freedom: Maine had the 2 worst hurricanes in the history of the State of Maine. We can Google. This Maine's top 10. Most dangerous storms.

868

02:09:09.020 --> 02:09:16.439

Town of Freedom: Number 2 was Hurricane Carol, number one was Hurricane Edna. They occurred 10 days apart

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02:09:16.970 --> 02:09:20.720

Town of Freedom: between August 31, st 1954,

870

02:09:20.850 --> 02:09:23.789

Town of Freedom: and September 11, th 1954.

871

02:09:24.120 --> 02:09:27.340

Town of Freedom: It destroyed roads all over the place.

872

02:09:27.590 --> 02:09:31.160

Town of Freedom: not just this town where where I grew up in Denver.

873

02:09:32.230 --> 02:09:34.299

Town of Freedom: up here in the on Viva Hill.
874
02:09:34.880 --> 02:09:40.769
Town of Freedom: to be the little world where there was slope like on my end, and on the other end they destroyed
875
02:09:41.850 --> 02:09:46.949
Town of Freedom: a big part of the Beaver Hill Road on my, on the Sylvie Road end on my end.
876
02:09:48.560 --> 02:09:51.000
Town of Freedom: It's a it's a free drive, brook.
877
02:09:51.490 --> 02:09:57.990
Town of Freedom: It's 25 feet wide and 5 feet deep in some places, Ryan. It's fever.
878
02:09:58.760 --> 02:10:00.989
Town of Freedom: There's no way that that is a
879
02:10:01.450 --> 02:10:09.260
Town of Freedom: traversable road. Anybody to say. I drove my atv all the way through the Beaver Hill Road.
880
02:10:09.840 --> 02:10:13.480
Town of Freedom: It's just insane you. I would not do that
881
02:10:13.860 --> 02:10:18.860
Town of Freedom: if you got off the road you'd be on my daughter's man, and that's all covered with trees to put it back.
882
02:10:19.750 --> 02:10:22.000
Town of Freedom: Ball did not cut the trees for the day.
883
02:10:23.070 --> 02:10:25.810
Town of Freedom: So, Steve, where's this section that
884
02:10:26.120 --> 02:10:33.729
Town of Freedom: you say 45 feet wide, 5 feet deep. Where? Where is that? That's the road, the actual Beaver Hill Road. Which which section of it?
885
02:10:34.070 --> 02:10:37.820
Town of Freedom: It's the section, which is just a break
886
02:10:37.990 --> 02:10:44.390
Town of Freedom: next to Vaughn's 1st field on that side of the road. That whole stretch of road right there.
887

02:10:44.620 --> 02:10:46.489

Town of Freedom: I've got photographs of it.

888

02:10:47.610 --> 02:10:50.719

Town of Freedom: This field right up to the edge of the road.

889

02:10:52.840 --> 02:10:55.480

Town of Freedom: Great, thank you.

890

02:10:56.680 --> 02:10:59.740

Town of Freedom: So yeah, that's that feel good.

891

02:11:00.320 --> 02:11:05.379

Town of Freedom: So you could mark on. That was a devastating yeah.

892

02:11:05.580 --> 02:11:10.399

Town of Freedom: I remember where I grew up in Dexter. It was when elm trees were

893

02:11:10.750 --> 02:11:19.217

Town of Freedom: dying everywhere, huge trees coming over, crashing on the homes and towns rushing on over to unity.

894

02:11:19.930 --> 02:11:28.649

Town of Freedom: over immunity meetings, over immunity. 3 people drowned

895

02:11:30.140 --> 02:11:34.430

Town of Freedom: right where that bridge is. There's when you leave Energy village

896

02:11:34.580 --> 02:11:38.290

Town of Freedom: and go to lb. And what you are. You go left up to Unity College.

897

02:11:38.710 --> 02:11:41.530

Town of Freedom: 3 people, 8 year old girl drowned with this.

898

02:11:42.770 --> 02:11:48.730

Town of Freedom: Alright. The water off Beaver Hill ends up in that stream that goes through there.

899

02:11:49.470 --> 02:12:01.059

Town of Freedom: and that's where I mean, that's how bad the roads were on the hill. The diva was destroyed.

900

02:12:01.180 --> 02:12:07.740

Town of Freedom: Hollywood Lane was destroyed, and so the road was destroyed.

901

02:12:08.650 --> 02:12:12.019

Town of Freedom: Oh, 2 were never revealed.

902

02:12:12.380 --> 02:12:15.029

Town of Freedom: Eva Hill and Hardwood lanes.

903

02:12:15.190 --> 02:12:16.960

Town of Freedom: The other 3 were rebuilt.

904

02:12:17.080 --> 02:12:18.859

Town of Freedom: The town didn't do it.

905

02:12:19.300 --> 02:12:26.129

Town of Freedom: The town did not rebuild Deer Hill. It is not, as it's called now. It did not rebuild the Beaver Hill road.

906

02:12:26.270 --> 02:12:31.419

Town of Freedom: The guy that I bought my place from Wayne Black was the name is on that book right? There

907

02:12:31.890 --> 02:12:33.779

Town of Freedom: was a very well off guy.

908

02:12:34.810 --> 02:12:37.800

Town of Freedom: He owned it from 1939 to 1980.

909

02:12:39.490 --> 02:12:41.789

Town of Freedom: My home was essentially a hunting camp.

910

02:12:43.250 --> 02:12:47.260

Town of Freedom: He had airplanes. He built a runway down on Dave's property.

911

02:12:47.890 --> 02:12:52.980

Town of Freedom: They had a lot of money, you know, 11 companies, but from Oakland, California, back to Boston.

912

02:12:54.290 --> 02:12:57.719

Town of Freedom: So when the role is washed out, the General couldn't afford to do anything.

913

02:12:58.840 --> 02:13:07.980

Town of Freedom: So what he did was he bought 2 gravel pits, one on opposite sides of the

914

02:13:08.560 --> 02:13:11.569

Town of Freedom: Mitchell wrote it. One is now the town of Dumb.

915

02:13:11.960 --> 02:13:14.040

Town of Freedom: You dug all the gravel out of there.

916

02:13:14.460 --> 02:13:16.750

Town of Freedom: and when the ground was gone he gave that

917

02:13:16.870 --> 02:13:22.189

Town of Freedom: that lot for the town for use of a dump which you belong to a dump today. But

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02:13:22.470 --> 02:13:26.620

Town of Freedom: he dealt with them. He walked through 2 gravel pits and he started out.

919

02:13:26.850 --> 02:13:29.400

Town of Freedom: He rebuilt the Deer Hill Road.

920

02:13:30.350 --> 02:13:33.820

Town of Freedom: He I have an interview I did with his son Bobby.

921

02:13:34.100 --> 02:13:37.350

Town of Freedom: and he told me his father

922

02:13:37.960 --> 02:13:40.700

Town of Freedom: purchase 10 acres of gravel pitch.

923

02:13:40.990 --> 02:13:45.299

Town of Freedom: He purchased a loader, a bulldozer, a road.

924

02:13:45.410 --> 02:13:49.599

Town of Freedom: the rock crusher, 2 tractors, and 2 dump trucks to go with a grater.

925

02:13:50.730 --> 02:13:54.670

Town of Freedom: and he rebuilt the deal, wrote on his own. He hired a crew to do it

926

02:13:54.980 --> 02:13:58.149

Town of Freedom: when you get on the top of the hill. They rebuild the road down

927

02:13:58.520 --> 02:14:03.769

Town of Freedom: to the North Oil Road. He paid for it, and you build a runway.

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02:14:05.060 --> 02:14:10.240

Town of Freedom: and he never held it against the town. They couldn't

afford it. He just did it because he wanted to be able to get to himself.

929

02:14:11.440 --> 02:14:15.230

Town of Freedom: So that's how those 2 roads got repaired.

930

02:14:18.940 --> 02:14:26.660

Town of Freedom: if you want to walk down with that sometime, don't be careful. It took a big pile of boulders, and here's a picture.

931

02:14:26.760 --> 02:14:32.570

Town of Freedom: Oh, some of the equipment, sitting in the driveway in front of my house that he bought back in 1954.

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02:14:34.270 --> 02:14:35.270

Town of Freedom: Good

933

02:14:37.160 --> 02:14:44.859

Town of Freedom: in 2,000, and and that's the information from Bobby Clark was was a was an interview with him and his wife Jean.

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02:14:45.140 --> 02:14:52.379

Town of Freedom: And he gave me this information. I wrote it down. I typed it up. I brought it back to him. He approved it.

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02:14:53.210 --> 02:14:59.400

Town of Freedom: and I said, It's okay. Would you sign it? Because I'll notarize it? His gene, his wife, was a witness. I notarized it.

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02:15:02.350 --> 02:15:06.750

Town of Freedom: So I wanna talk about the wording. We brought it up at the beginning of the meeting bill

937

02:15:06.960 --> 02:15:10.159

Town of Freedom: thing that it was kind of confusing me.

938

02:15:11.690 --> 02:15:18.989

Town of Freedom: Well, there were 5 rows that were discontinued in one article, and what would be

939

02:15:19.390 --> 02:15:22.430

Town of Freedom: 1956 5 roads.

940

02:15:23.330 --> 02:15:25.650

Town of Freedom: What you're gonna hear is the wording.

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02:15:26.470 --> 02:15:28.489

Town of Freedom: the wedding of the 1st one is

942

02:15:30.040 --> 02:15:33.570

Town of Freedom: well. All the all the article, all the needed was this.

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02:15:33.760 --> 02:15:36.589

Town of Freedom: to see if the town will vote to discontinue

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02:15:37.350 --> 02:15:42.899

Town of Freedom: the following roads as town ways now and forever, but opened as public ways

945

02:15:43.320 --> 02:15:48.169

Town of Freedom: that was elated to the 1st one from Greeley's Corner

946

02:15:48.340 --> 02:15:53.740

Town of Freedom: to improve road under Beaver Hills. So that's the under Beaver Hill road.

947

02:15:55.760 --> 02:16:01.280

Town of Freedom: From this point to that point they discontinued it

948

02:16:01.990 --> 02:16:07.249

Town of Freedom: from simply 4 corners, so-called to the Ashmith Place.

That's the bottom of the road

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02:16:07.590 --> 02:16:14.259

Town of Freedom: that I live on. That's obviously 4 Corners before it was called Timberwood Lane.

950

02:16:14.980 --> 02:16:20.110

Town of Freedom: So the Ashmith place is a foundation. I was a fan in on that road. I know right where it is.

951

02:16:20.260 --> 02:16:23.749

Town of Freedom: Bronze simply 4 corners to the Asmith place.

952

02:16:24.200 --> 02:16:30.939

Town of Freedom: next one from Arthur Aldrich place southwest, 2 Palermo and Freedom State Aid Road.

953

02:16:31.070 --> 02:16:32.669

Town of Freedom: That's the David's book.

954

02:16:33.940 --> 02:16:40.300

Town of Freedom: Okay, from the August place down to the bottom of Wolfe on hill, from to very cliff

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02:16:40.540 --> 02:16:49.119

Town of Freedom: from George Wagner's place, so-called Self Diploma town

line. That's a portion of the Rollins roof Bronx, and 2
956
02:16:49.809 --> 02:16:55.890
Town of Freedom: from Ob Ward's house to discontinued road over Beaver Hill.
957
02:16:56.570 --> 02:17:00.760
Town of Freedom: Okay, from what we watch those 2 discontinue
958
02:17:01.030 --> 02:17:05.600
Town of Freedom: people like to say. Well, that means that it was
959
02:17:05.809 --> 02:17:09.210
Town of Freedom: from Obi Awards House all the way over Beaver Hill.
960
02:17:09.990 --> 02:17:13.189
Town of Freedom: No, if that's what it meant, it would have said that
961
02:17:13.420 --> 02:17:20.280
Town of Freedom: it would have said to the simply road or to the Mitchell Road, which wasn't called that at that time.
962
02:17:21.160 --> 02:17:23.329
Town of Freedom: Whatever we call the dump throws. You guys.
963
02:17:23.730 --> 02:17:27.200
Town of Freedom: Okay? But it didn't show you that you, too.
964
02:17:27.660 --> 02:17:36.089
Town of Freedom: from Obi Ward's house to discontinued road over Beaver Hill. Well, that corresponds exactly
965
02:17:37.420 --> 02:17:41.789
Town of Freedom: with what happened 8 years earlier, and we talked forward petitions.
966
02:17:42.150 --> 02:17:50.120
Town of Freedom: The county commissioners do not have to file that half Mile Road.
967
02:17:51.860 --> 02:17:58.279
Town of Freedom: Alright, it's just. It's a repeat of that now. It was a town vote to back up the select board vote.
968
02:17:58.580 --> 02:18:03.530
Town of Freedom: and those letters from Red to Sally Ann.
969
02:18:04.700 --> 02:18:08.409

Town of Freedom: He says the same thing every time, every level.
970
02:18:08.940 --> 02:18:12.429
Town of Freedom: He said the same thing, that it was only a half mile
971
02:18:12.889 --> 02:18:18.120
Town of Freedom: to the intersection with the under Beaver Hill Road. The
rest of the road by your house
972
02:18:18.799 --> 02:18:26.609
Town of Freedom: is a abandoned road. He said that over and over he
couldn't have made it any clearer. There was no inconsistency in what he
said. There.
973
02:18:27.639 --> 02:18:33.500
Town of Freedom: there's another road also, in that same year, 1956,
974
02:18:34.110 --> 02:18:41.009
Town of Freedom: from Wayne Clark's residence on Viva Hill, southwest to
Byron, on so-called Lindall Penny Farm.
975
02:18:41.110 --> 02:18:43.009
Town of Freedom: That's the one across from my house
976
02:18:44.389 --> 02:18:47.910
Town of Freedom: on the should be road on the way
977
02:18:48.049 --> 02:18:56.845
Town of Freedom: southwestern plan which is now per house, we'll find
out, for I live in the barn.
978
02:18:58.139 --> 02:19:03.659
Town of Freedom: so it's the language that you have to look at carefully
if they match
979
02:19:04.100 --> 02:19:09.790
Town of Freedom: when they said to the discontinued road overview, they
will not have said
980
02:19:10.120 --> 02:19:16.900
Town of Freedom: in that way that when it says over the beaver, do something,
it's just a speaking English.
981
02:19:19.000 --> 02:19:20.090
Town of Freedom: So
982
02:19:22.100 --> 02:19:25.029
Town of Freedom: This very 1st letter in 1992

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02:19:25.540 --> 02:19:31.450

Town of Freedom: to Sally Ann and Charlie from Harold Mitchell, James Phillips, Melton Turner.

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02:19:32.170 --> 02:19:38.330

Town of Freedom: I know all 3 of those gentlemen, and very clear.

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02:19:38.650 --> 02:19:44.889

Town of Freedom: This is a reply to your letter, August 17, th concerning the status of the road leading to your property on Beaver Hill

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02:19:45.340 --> 02:20:02.179

Town of Freedom: on March 3, rd 1956. The town of Freedom, at their annual town meeting, voted to discontinue the road from all the ward says place to the over the Beaver Hill Road. The road from all the wards residence to your property on Beaver River qualifies an abandoned road.

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02:20:02.520 --> 02:20:08.140

Town of Freedom: and so on you, and can you clarify it a little bit more. In the next letter he said.

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02:20:08.600 --> 02:20:17.269

Town of Freedom: this road from was discontinued from all these residents east to junction of road leading to under Beaver Hill Road.

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02:20:17.390 --> 02:20:20.719

Town of Freedom: which is just all over the hill from the last house on the road.

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02:20:21.010 --> 02:20:24.929

Town of Freedom: The rest of that road that continues east by your property

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02:20:25.160 --> 02:20:27.970

Town of Freedom: could be considered an abandoned road.

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02:20:28.700 --> 02:20:33.690

Town of Freedom: I believe you would have a right to control this road by a gate.

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02:20:34.970 --> 02:20:38.959

Town of Freedom: by a gate, and permission. Only signs

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02:20:39.180 --> 02:20:42.189

Town of Freedom: couldn't be any clearer signed by Red Mitchell.

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02:20:42.600 --> 02:21:10.170

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) You're going on just so. I have in my mind, and I can be looking for it. All of this evidence. All of all of this, of course, has existed here in town for years, and it existed every year that you were selectman. So why, as I'm looking at this now, I mean, is it just something you've just discovered, or what makes it any different from when

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02:21:10.310 --> 02:21:27.899

Town of Freedom: you I'm just trying to figure out if it's new to you, or why it wasn't handled before. If it's so obvious, I guess.

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02:21:28.640 --> 02:21:30.759

Town of Freedom: (Steve Bennette) Boy am I glad you asked that question. And I'm gonna answer that question.

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02:21:32.180 --> 02:21:44.450

Town of Freedom: Yeah, I'll do it right now. I'll skip over a couple of things. I tried in 2,010 going over. I tried in 2,010 I put. I put an article. I wrote an article for the town one.

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02:21:45.110 --> 02:21:48.180

Town of Freedom: and it would have made the road a 1000

02:21:48.360 --> 02:21:51.390

Town of Freedom: by town vote. Ask for a town vote

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02:21:52.700 --> 02:21:56.699

Town of Freedom: to make the road a private road, and I offered

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02:21:57.150 --> 02:22:01.500

Town of Freedom: the town to have a foot traffic only

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02:22:01.830 --> 02:22:06.109

Town of Freedom: open to the public 24, 7, and I even included

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02:22:06.890 --> 02:22:11.270

Town of Freedom: that portion is loaded on my daughter's land. I don't know if I asked her if I could do it or not, but

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02:22:11.720 --> 02:22:13.482

Town of Freedom: but I did

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02:22:14.550 --> 02:22:24.549

Town of Freedom: say we would let that, you know. I don't mind. I mean, I've had people ask me plenty of times, and Cody and Lucy.

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02:22:25.070 --> 02:22:30.629

Town of Freedom: people that walk road treated with respect. They see

something wrong, they tell you.

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02:22:30.740 --> 02:22:36.379

Town of Freedom: but allowing Atvs and and jacked up trucks up there no way.

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02:22:36.930 --> 02:22:38.820

Town of Freedom: So I put that article in.

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02:22:39.170 --> 02:22:41.629

Town of Freedom: and a few days before the meeting

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02:22:42.310 --> 02:22:45.229

Town of Freedom: I got a call or email from

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02:22:45.690 --> 02:22:50.359

Town of Freedom: from Carol Richardson, saying that we they had. They reworded it

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02:22:50.620 --> 02:22:54.219

Town of Freedom: and made it a non binding vote, and said

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02:22:54.900 --> 02:23:00.940

Town of Freedom: so. The town voted, but they voted to let this whiteboard decide.

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02:23:01.360 --> 02:23:06.720

Town of Freedom: There's a 2 to one vote select would decide. I didn't know about that to the last minute.

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02:23:07.320 --> 02:23:08.105

Town of Freedom: And

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02:23:09.190 --> 02:23:12.510

Town of Freedom: So the select board somehow decided.

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02:23:12.660 --> 02:23:14.330

Town of Freedom: No, they weren't gonna do it.

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02:23:14.980 --> 02:23:18.250

Town of Freedom: I will have, if not in minutes.

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02:23:18.440 --> 02:23:19.689

Town of Freedom: I've never seen.

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02:23:19.990 --> 02:23:25.370

Town of Freedom: I don't know what happened, but it went a script.

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02:23:25.880 --> 02:23:32.969

Town of Freedom: I tried how to put a lot of work into that I applied for Nrcs. Grant. It was nothing new.

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02:23:33.610 --> 02:23:37.730

Town of Freedom: The road across from our house, 1990.

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02:23:37.840 --> 02:23:45.189

Town of Freedom: I got a USDA. Grant once that was made private. They funded 75% of the cost to build that road up

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02:23:45.330 --> 02:24:00.459

Town of Freedom: Basil Higgins applied for the same thing on Irving Lane. You got a USDA. Grant particularly to repair a beautiful stone bridge. The select board on their own, voted for it about the same time that I put my article

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02:24:00.780 --> 02:24:04.870

Town of Freedom: in the Warren, but it got changed. The wording got changed.

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02:24:05.310 --> 02:24:06.879

Town of Freedom: Why was I

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02:24:07.030 --> 02:24:18.609

Town of Freedom: treated different? I don't know. You weren't selectman then. I was not a selectman. So then what about when you were selectmen before the statute. I asked that, too, in 2021,

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02:24:18.780 --> 02:24:22.619

Town of Freedom: when I was not a selectman, Tyler put in a request

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02:24:23.420 --> 02:24:28.170

Town of Freedom: to have a hearing on this road.

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02:24:28.370 --> 02:24:32.383

Town of Freedom: And I was just like.

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02:24:33.920 --> 02:24:36.649

Town of Freedom: so I'm thinking about that in the process.

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02:24:37.140 --> 02:24:46.980

Town of Freedom: My family, Jason, me, the family trust people plantation, Dave Marianne. We own about 50%

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02:24:47.730 --> 02:24:50.980

Town of Freedom: of the affected property

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02:24:51.430 --> 02:24:56.919

Town of Freedom: on that mile and a half, both sides, one side of the other. About 50% of the furniture.

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02:24:57.660 --> 02:25:04.669

Town of Freedom: And when you're thinking about that, I'm selecting, and one of the things that I

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02:25:05.090 --> 02:25:09.220

Town of Freedom: take pride in as being a selection off and on for 20 years, was

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02:25:10.170 --> 02:25:12.459

Town of Freedom: staying away from conflicts of interest.

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02:25:13.010 --> 02:25:14.970

Town of Freedom: calling them out when you see them.

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02:25:15.250 --> 02:25:20.639

Town of Freedom: That's why I strongly supported the creation of a town trail.

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02:25:20.830 --> 02:25:27.359

Town of Freedom: Small towns are victims of conflicts of interest, I believe

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02:25:27.560 --> 02:25:34.329

Town of Freedom: bigger than big towns are, because you got town managers. You got more people paying attention. You got less family relationships.

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02:25:35.420 --> 02:25:39.979

Town of Freedom: Small towns could be victims. I can show you. I can name a couple of towns around there that would

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02:25:40.710 --> 02:25:45.650

Town of Freedom: would choke you up if you realize going on. So

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02:25:45.870 --> 02:25:51.000

Town of Freedom: I decided myself that I shouldn't be voting because I'm conflicted.

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02:25:51.900 --> 02:25:54.720

Town of Freedom: That's Starway stall away rule

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02:25:55.080 --> 02:26:03.310

Town of Freedom: right? I know they have this discussion with Ron. It was not much much of a discussion, but I think Ron felt about the same way.

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02:26:04.450 --> 02:26:06.060

Town of Freedom: I don't know, Ron.

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02:26:07.240 --> 02:26:19.979

Town of Freedom: He's sleeping. I understand what you said, Steve. And I guess, yeah, I mean, you obviously tried to stay away from

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02:26:20.100 --> 02:26:36.320

Town of Freedom: conflict of interest. So well, I'm talking about that growth, the vote that we never had. 3 years ago I felt like I shouldn't vote. I thought you felt about the same way for yourself, and I don't think we even voted we didn't, because what happened was

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02:26:36.900 --> 02:26:39.480

Town of Freedom: finally got a call, and he was conflicted.

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02:26:40.010 --> 02:26:41.850

Town of Freedom: and you had to pull it.

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02:26:43.890 --> 02:26:51.509

Town of Freedom: It was conflicted by his former employee. So for your so that answer your questions.

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02:26:54.210 --> 02:26:55.938

Town of Freedom: Yes, no worries.

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02:26:57.480 --> 02:27:01.349

Town of Freedom: So I guess I'm just gonna say one more thing, man.

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02:27:01.840 --> 02:27:05.829

Town of Freedom: yeah, that makes you happy, don't you? Yeah. Well.

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02:27:06.400 --> 02:27:13.914

Town of Freedom: when property is being taken away from you, you don't just sit there and agree to it. Okay, so

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02:27:14.520 --> 02:27:21.169

Town of Freedom: I want to read to you a summary of Martin versus Burn, 1993.

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02:27:21.600 --> 02:27:23.699

Town of Freedom: Like we Kenu Germanson.

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02:27:24.720 --> 02:27:38.750

Town of Freedom: I knew Herman actually a couple of conversations with that Guy lived in Old Town. He was a licensed professional land surveyor. He was a professional engineer, and he was an attorney at law. He was

considered the expert on dealing with roads.

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02:27:40.070 --> 02:27:42.519

Town of Freedom: the legality of around the State.

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02:27:43.270 --> 02:27:51.289

Town of Freedom: And so he. He was involved in this mine versus Burnham, up in Rooster County, and based upon that

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02:27:51.710 --> 02:27:53.010

Town of Freedom: decisions.

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02:27:53.190 --> 02:27:57.170

Town of Freedom: The Law Court determined the following, and this goes back to that.

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02:28:00.050 --> 02:28:02.910

Town of Freedom: That clearly shows the vote of the tangent.

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02:28:03.200 --> 02:28:04.890

Town of Freedom: Almost 90 years ago.

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02:28:05.060 --> 02:28:08.369

Town of Freedom: Alright, the Law Court determined that

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02:28:08.800 --> 02:28:19.050

Town of Freedom: 23, MRSA. 30, 26, dealing with discontinued roads, and Mrsa 30, 28, dealing with abandoned roads

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02:28:19.490 --> 02:28:24.580

Town of Freedom: became effective on July 29, th 1976,

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02:28:25.220 --> 02:28:32.080

Town of Freedom: it became effective. Then, in 19, those 2 statutes became effective. Then a public road

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02:28:32.180 --> 02:28:36.129

Town of Freedom: that was effectively abandoned before that date

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02:28:36.800 --> 02:28:43.439

Town of Freedom: does not retain a public easement couldn't be clearer.

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02:28:43.660 --> 02:28:51.379

Town of Freedom: A public road effectively abandoned before 1976 does not retain a public easement.

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02:28:51.490 --> 02:28:54.899

Town of Freedom: a public road that is abandoned before

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02:28:55.110 --> 02:28:58.730

Town of Freedom: July, 1976, causes all rights

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02:28:58.950 --> 02:29:03.320

Town of Freedom: to revert to a budding owner to the center line of the road.

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02:29:04.780 --> 02:29:08.500

Town of Freedom: So I need to know that spells it all

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02:29:08.800 --> 02:29:13.120

Town of Freedom: to me pretty clearly again, I'm not an attorney. But I agree.

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02:29:13.210 --> 02:29:42.939

Town of Freedom: (Larua Greeley) Okay, I have just a couple of questions for you, Steve.

Well, 1st one thing I just want to throw and clarify, just to correct when you happen to say talking about all of the abandoned roads in town, and if we want to tackle, I just want to make the clarification that we didn't tackle this. We're reacting to a suit and then going on from that. So did you agree with the testimony that Kanzler

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02:29:43.321 --> 02:30:05.018

Town of Freedom: gave about what you guys had discussed when you were looking when you were on that road committee, and I believe, did Bob leave? I believe I believe, Bob said. But maybe I got it wrong, and I just wanted to see if Steve agrees when you were talking about the work you did on the road committee.

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02:30:05.660 --> 02:30:16.909

Town of Freedom: did you say that, you guys agreed. That that road from the the work that you did that that road had a public easement.

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02:30:17.100 --> 02:30:22.579

Town of Freedom: (Bob Kanzler) Yeah, it's a deed. It's a deed that I got from DOT, (Luara Greeley) I mean, when you are working within the committee?

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02:30:22.810 --> 02:30:27.400

Town of Freedom: Or was that just your own personal

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02:30:27.950 --> 02:30:30.559

Town of Freedom:(Bob Kanzler) Drew and everybody else that was on the committee?

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02:30:31.620 --> 02:30:39.039

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) Did you remember that, or agree at the time I had all of them I got from all the county roads.

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02:30:39.850 --> 02:30:56.419

Town of Freedom: all the DOT County roads from Waldo County that was given back to the towns of Freedom. I have the deeds, (Steve Bennett) that's when that's when all these roads that were county roads were turned back to the towns for their jurisdiction.

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02:30:57.303 --> 02:31:04.780

Town of Freedom: Yeah, okay, but that doesn't. You just missed what I just covered here. That doesn't refute what I said about

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02:31:06.210 --> 02:31:36.209

Town of Freedom: roads that were abandoned before 1970. I understood all that I had just. I thought he had just had said earlier that you guys had agreed, and I was just verifying that with you. Okay, you don't agree now. And let me see. Oh, when you were selectmen, did you ever have residents in town who came to you questioning that private road sign

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02:31:37.420 --> 02:31:48.200

Town of Freedom: on the Beaver Ridge, the private road down by OB Ward's house. You never had. You never had anybody come and ask you about that.

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02:31:49.420 --> 02:31:51.310

Town of Freedom: Well.

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02:31:53.320 --> 02:31:59.770

Town of Freedom: it's possible. I mean I I could have forgotten it, but I know what I would have said, because I had the same opinion of that.

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02:32:00.040 --> 02:32:10.130

Town of Freedom: You know that it's just a lot of people don't understand the wording of the article in 1856, and I read the. I was not proud of anything to do with

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02:32:10.450 --> 02:32:17.999

Town of Freedom: the meetings that they held with the cycle in 1997. Right? But it's still pretty clear what the decision was. In 97.

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02:32:18.450 --> 02:32:26.349

Town of Freedom: It says right in there that to read that decision they were given the rights of the sport to poke sign, put up games and so forth.

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02:32:26.630 --> 02:32:30.079

Town of Freedom: and they did so. I don't dispute that sign. No.

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02:32:32.430 --> 02:32:40.689

Town of Freedom: Can you photocopy the things you just referenced so that

we have those as part of the record and drop them off at the town office.

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02:32:42.080 --> 02:32:52.280

Town of Freedom: Well, look everything. You just referenced. Yes, because it we it's gonna be much more beneficial if they have it. If we have it as part of the record instead of you just

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02:32:52.430 --> 02:32:54.332

Town of Freedom: putting it back in the notebook.

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02:32:54.860 --> 02:33:00.330

Town of Freedom: There's only about 8 or 10 documents you just talked about. Well, you know, I'll just send them all.

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02:33:01.540 --> 02:33:08.630

Town of Freedom: Okay. You can submit. Anybody can submit whatever they like for documentation doesn't have to just be testimony.

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02:33:08.960 --> 02:33:10.350

Town of Freedom: Are you all done, Steve?

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02:33:10.530 --> 02:33:20.820

Town of Freedom: I just wanna one last comment, and that is that there's 30, 28 a which.

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02:33:21.150 --> 02:33:26.400

Town of Freedom: according to again, the judge lasting is not the applicable statute. Anyway, it shouldn't even be used.

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02:33:26.680 --> 02:33:32.400

Town of Freedom: And after reading that summary by Herman's in the boat.

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02:33:32.620 --> 02:33:35.830

Town of Freedom: 1976, and even all abandoned before then.

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02:33:36.170 --> 02:33:39.070

Town of Freedom: It's a private room, anyway, right?

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02:33:39.320 --> 02:33:44.629

Town of Freedom: This new statute. I remember talking to MMA attorneys about this when it became law

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02:33:44.780 --> 02:33:54.570

Town of Freedom: 4 years ago, and even they said they couldn't understand what the what the Legislature was doing. It just didn't make sense to say that a slug would be clear road

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02:33:54.890 --> 02:34:00.470

Town of Freedom: abandoned. Town's got no responsibility. But the public can use this

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02:34:00.890 --> 02:34:05.610

Town of Freedom: public can use that road, even though the town has no responsibility.

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02:34:05.720 --> 02:34:09.110

Town of Freedom: Okay, so what can the public do with it?

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02:34:09.480 --> 02:34:16.220

Town of Freedom: The public can drive trucks, excuse android track vehicles.

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02:34:17.150 --> 02:34:22.770

Town of Freedom: and you know what 3 things are not allowed Atvs

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02:34:25.730 --> 02:34:28.399

Town of Freedom: And think of the second one

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02:34:29.030 --> 02:34:36.309

Town of Freedom: motorized wheelchairs. There were 3 vehicles that are not allowed.

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02:34:36.580 --> 02:34:45.910

Town of Freedom: If this were to be the law, the the statute that you could follow, and if you voted it to be a public road

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02:34:46.030 --> 02:34:50.900

Town of Freedom: you couldn't drive Atvs, and you couldn't drive a motorized

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02:34:51.050 --> 02:35:02.030

Town of Freedom: wheelchair was one of them, and that's that's what would happen if you made this a public way, even though you agreed that it was abandoned.

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02:35:02.750 --> 02:35:03.830

Town of Freedom: No answers.

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02:35:04.060 --> 02:35:14.810

Town of Freedom: and I I talked to. We got a name out on MMA who just Scratching her head. This is gonna be worked out more. But that was 3 years ago when I had that discussion, and they haven't done a thing yet.

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02:35:15.220 --> 02:35:19.889

Town of Freedom: This case has not been. This law, by the way, has not been tested.

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02:35:20.340 --> 02:35:27.279

Town of Freedom: This bar is, gonna have this the 1st test case, if this became the 1st test case.

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02:35:27.580 --> 02:35:46.550

Town of Freedom: guaranteed end up in superior court and well, not there anyway, in the Law Court guaranteed all right. And it's gonna be watched by every town in the State of Maine. And it's gonna be gonna be crazy because it's gonna impact every town.

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02:35:47.030 --> 02:35:49.839

Town of Freedom: So this, it's a it's a big problem.

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02:35:49.990 --> 02:35:53.819

Town of Freedom: If the legislature sticks with this, I expect they're going to repeal it.

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02:35:54.020 --> 02:35:56.169

Town of Freedom: But who knows there's there yet for you?

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02:35:56.280 --> 02:36:26.210

Town of Freedom: (Laura Greeley) So what's your answer? On on the in the spirit of compromise and negotiations on the road open to foot traffic? (Steve Bennett) Well, as I said in the beginning, and so I'm less inclined now to compromise like that, because I'm a little angry about it after the way this has been treated. But what I do and what I calm down and

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02:36:26.340 --> 02:36:29.499

Town of Freedom: and agree to something.

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02:36:31.063 --> 02:36:35.566

Town of Freedom: You know he just let people through

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02:36:37.088 --> 02:36:41.800

Town of Freedom: again. I don't have a problem. I mean, you're kidding me.

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02:36:42.000 --> 02:36:49.929

Town of Freedom: They come up and they took bows every year. They no, I mean, that's no, I wouldn't.

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02:36:50.418 --> 02:37:00.249

Town of Freedom: I would like to blow in and blow out,(Atty Kelly) Steve, would you? Just initial if that's accurate as to where you said that flooding was.

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02:37:01.796 --> 02:37:06.840

Town of Freedom: we just initial them out because we're just taking

initials on specific facts like that.

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02:37:11.130 --> 02:37:13.500

Town of Freedom: Then one right here.

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02:37:13.980 --> 02:37:18.460

Town of Freedom: I'm sorry for being here, but I can't help return.

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02:37:26.340 --> 02:37:40.269

Town of Freedom: (Larua Greeley) I think she had to say something real quickly. (Gwen Littlefield) I was

already in bed, ready to go to sleep. I get up early and super early. You probably know me. 4, 45 Greeley Road.

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02:37:42.410 --> 02:37:55.000

Town of Freedom: I don't think the issue that I see anyway, of that road necessarily being that it was maintained. The road was never maintained in all of my life. I've been here 50 years.

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02:37:55.110 --> 02:38:03.480

Town of Freedom: It's never been maintained by the town. My thought process on this is Red Mitchell always told us that that was public

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02:38:03.610 --> 02:38:08.129

Town of Freedom: roadway, even though it's not maintained. It's public town road.

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02:38:08.270 --> 02:38:18.819

Town of Freedom: So the public had access to the road. We used to ride all of the eighties, and probably half of the nineties. We were always up in there with the horses always.

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02:38:19.440 --> 02:38:23.300

Town of Freedom: Dad took his team up there, probably with a sleigh many years

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02:38:24.210 --> 02:38:29.319

Town of Freedom: gave free sleigh rides, gave hay rides all through the town. I don't know if you remember all of this.

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02:38:29.600 --> 02:38:37.599

Town of Freedom: but the town on the road. It was public way. It was just not maintained, it was not abandoned.

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02:38:37.860 --> 02:38:41.300

Town of Freedom: It was just public, not maintained.

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02:38:42.440 --> 02:38:51.419

Town of Freedom: So that's my point of view, and that's where my brother was coming in, not necessarily saying that we want this to be a town road.

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02:38:51.680 --> 02:38:54.730

Town of Freedom: We just don't think it's right that somebody can

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02:38:55.310 --> 02:39:00.220

Town of Freedom: come into the town and try to take over what is town owned.

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02:39:00.480 --> 02:39:06.309

Town of Freedom: If the town decides, the townspeople decide? Yeah, we can split it up over the

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02:39:06.480 --> 02:39:14.600

Town of Freedom: property owners. And that's 1 thing. But you can't plant your sign saying private property when it's not private property.

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02:39:15.004 --> 02:39:37.109

Town of Freedom: it is public town road, maybe not maintained. And I know that going up that road with horses. We couldn't get all the way through if you were in a vehicle we could with horses, but we were told by Red Mitchell that was a town owned public right of way. We could go with all we wanted to.

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02:39:38.540 --> 02:40:05.740

Town of Freedom: and I'm sorry, Steve, you were going on a tangent, so I got out of bed. God! I came in here because I need to break up the monotony. I've been in the town since 1975, so take your pick from. I was riding horses on my own 2, 3 years old, not joking, probably 80 to 95.

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02:40:08.670 --> 02:40:13.720

Town of Freedom: But this is a town road. Laugh all you like.

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02:40:14.050 --> 02:40:33.550

Town of Freedom: Yes, I'm a little nervous. I'm not a public speaker. Did he tell you? Personally he was always at our house. He was very tight with my father. He was always there. Even when my dad wasn't working for the town he would stop in and talk to my dad. Just shoot the breeze

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02:40:34.370 --> 02:40:40.339

Town of Freedom: cows very respected. Red Mitchell was the most respected man.

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02:40:41.070 --> 02:40:41.750

Town of Freedom: Oh.

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02:40:42.210 --> 02:41:01.069

Town of Freedom: you heard it directly from Reds? Oh, yes, he was in the house all the time, in fact, he called us his little girl when he'd come over, so he was pretty tight with the family. And we're working off of this map. Are you talking about the entire red area all the way in the blue from the greedy road that you would drive through.

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02:41:01.440 --> 02:41:07.130

Town of Freedom: I grew up at the corner of Smithton Road where it's now Smithton Road and Mitchell Road.

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02:41:07.610 --> 02:41:10.059

Town of Freedom: When you go down Mitchell Road

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02:41:10.360 --> 02:41:14.170

Town of Freedom: and up the Beaver, you could go up all through all the way through there.

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Town of Freedom: and that's where it was not maintained.

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02:41:20.195 --> 02:41:27.449

Town of Freedom: But you could go up your hill road and up through. You could go up Beaver Ridge and up through. It wasn't maintained.

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02:41:27.930 --> 02:41:34.199

Town of Freedom: but it was very clearly something that the town said was public property, and use it as you want.

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02:41:34.310 --> 02:41:38.409

Town of Freedom: How many other people did that did, you know, with horses, for example.

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Town of Freedom: I think we were probably the only ones around 4 since other than Ashlands, maybe on Goosepecker Ridge. But

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Town of Freedom: yeah, no offense, Ryan. I'm a little older than you, all right. Well, I was 75, but so 6 years no, I just was getting very

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Town of Freedom: agitated by listening to the the facts, the facts, the facts. Well, the facts are, red. Mitchell said that that was a town owned road not maintained, but public property.

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Town of Freedom: (Atty Kelly) That's that's dedication. Is anybody else

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Town of Freedom: who hasn't spoken would like to. Yes, ma'am. (Erin Bennett) Yeah, I'd like to speak so my name is Erin. I'm Steven, Judy's daughter. I grew up in freedom, and I live in Palermo now, but I own the land that

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Town of Freedom: about Beaver Hill Road and Sibley Road. I own 30 acres there. I'd like to reference this map, because Dad has shared a lot of information that I think is really important for me to share today about a very recent criminal trespass and vandalization of my property. So this map is

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Town of Freedom: Sibley Road.

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Town of Freedom: Okay, this is this red line.

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Town of Freedom: right? You can very seriously, clearly see that it's not been maintained over these years. This is the old Beaver Hill Road. Okay, you can see where it comes out to Sibley. You can see where Deer Hill comes here. And here we have Ron's gate. Okay. So going up to his land.

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Town of Freedom: this road here is a trail that we put in, probably 20 some odd years ago.

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Town of Freedom: And you can see where on this picture this is. I think I think it's a 2013 Google earth picture. This is been maintained. Okay, it's open.

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02:43:44.320 --> 02:43:48.970

Town of Freedom: You can run an Atv up there. You can run a snowmobile up there to a point.

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02:43:49.080 --> 02:43:54.970

Town of Freedom: Okay? But you can see where that has been maintained, and that's been maintained by

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02:43:55.340 --> 02:44:03.639

Town of Freedom: my husband. My dad, my son Jeff Keating, has been part of that as well. So I'm gonna leave that there for you. I think that's really important, because

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02:44:04.070 --> 02:44:19.160

Town of Freedom: there's a lot of discussion here, and there's very clearly a very misunderstanding of somebody on the select board who is printing across my property. Could you just initial the back of that? Yeah, you bet. So we know which one it is.

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02:44:21.240 --> 02:44:46.967

Town of Freedom: Yes, all right. So that's for that. Depends for the property lines for my land and my family's land. The Hadyniak property the Price. Family property are clear and easy to find. There are surveys, plenty of surveys done and despite a longstanding history of disagreements at times amongst our families. The boundaries, and many of you have been to those disagreements. They've been colorful.

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Town of Freedom: There's really no disagreement about the boundary lines of our properties up there. Over the course of my many years of land ownership and freedom.

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Town of Freedom: I've given a lot of permissions to my neighbors, my known neighbors. I've received phone calls over the last 25 years for people to hike snowshoe on cross country ski. I received phone calls looking for people wanted to hike and tip bows for selling Christmas breeds. I've given permission to that. People have asked to hunt. We usually don't provide permission for that. My husband and my son are avid outdoors.

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02:45:25.690 --> 02:45:44.480

Town of Freedom: I own another piece of property that is on the North Palermo road, and it, neighbors Hardwood Lane. I've received phone calls from the Freedom Mobile Association, looking to maintain that trail across that piece of property. Very clearly, not the one on the top of the hill. I want to make that distinction clear.

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02:45:44.792 --> 02:46:11.260

Town of Freedom: Point is all of my permit. All of these permissions have been granted over the years I've really been, I think pretty generous. I love to have people walk up there ski, snowmobile, or snowshoe up there. I don't have an issue with that. My only request to them has been, please be an extra set of eyes and ears for us as landowners. We're large landowners. It would be easy for somebody to come in and trespass vandalize. Please be an extra set of ears and eyes for us. Help us keep that land

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02:46:11.730 --> 02:46:13.520

Town of Freedom: appropriately maintained.

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02:46:15.680 --> 02:46:20.590

Town of Freedom: I believe that heather's mistaking my maintained trail for the Beaver Hill Road

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02:46:20.720 --> 02:46:28.500

Town of Freedom: heather has shared with people that the Beaver Hill Road on that end is quote unquote, wide open and open for Atv use.

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02:46:29.410 --> 02:46:50.180

Town of Freedom: And yes, it is true, because, if you are mistaken, you are talking about my road, so that is maintained by my family. The Beaver Hill Road is clearly not, and as we heard Bob Kanzler say, and as we heard Dave say, there's large trees in the middle of that there's a wash gully. That road has not been maintained by the town for 80 years. Mother Nature takes its course.

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Town of Freedom: It became a runoff. It became a ditch, and it has grown trees up through it. Okay, so it's very, very clearly. They run parallel one another to one another, and you can very easily see that one has been maintained and one has not.

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02:47:02.390 --> 02:47:05.609

Town of Freedom: You cannot get an Atv up there. You cannot get a truck up there.

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02:47:07.540 --> 02:47:16.560

Town of Freedom: Oh, I'm I'm speaking finally. Thank you. It is my turn. I am in a butter.

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Town of Freedom: So I believe she's speaking of my trail. She's encouraging people to use this trail she has shared dropped pins. Using trail maps with several people on several different occasions.

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02:47:28.130 --> 02:47:41.439

Town of Freedom: I believe she has a personal objective to opening this road, and if we go back and reference the map again, she's inaccurate. I believe she's using her position as a select board member to convince people to use my main change, my maintain trail.

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02:47:41.620 --> 02:48:07.229

Town of Freedom: Last Wednesday Ryan called and asked my dad if he knew the trees being caught in my property, and he shared that he had seen a picture of an excavator on my property on my maintained trail, and Ryan also said that trees had been marked. I really appreciate that phone call. Thank you. He stated that he knew the names of the people involved, but he refused to share those names with my dad. So imagine that. Imagine that you have a select board member who knows that

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02:48:07.330 --> 02:48:20.250

Town of Freedom: somebody in town has property, and they know the name of somebody that has come onto it and vandalized it, and they're not sharing that name. He did not share that name with the deputy when we made that leak report as well.

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Town of Freedom: there are indeed. Orange blaze marks all over my trees up there. There's probably about 30 of them.

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Town of Freedom: and they are haphazard. They run every which way, and it's a it's a frigging mess up there. There's brush that's been cut. It's been stuck to the side. Trees have been cut.

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02:48:37.990 --> 02:48:48.589

Town of Freedom: I think anybody would re be really pissed off to see that on their property. Okay, so I just kind of also want to make this point of here. We're having all these discussions. It's been going on for months.

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Town of Freedom: There's a lot of evidence. About the use of this road. And and I'm talking hard evidence, not anecdotal memories. And

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Town of Freedom: what's happening now is, people are angry and they're becoming imprint, entrenched. And they're remembering things potentially, inaccurately and now we have harm coming to a neighbor's property, and that, I think, is bullshit. Okay? So I would urge that we need to get this wrapped up and taken care of

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02:49:20.700 --> 02:49:33.752

Town of Freedom: So yesterday I found out that Heather was on my property again, and she was seen by my parents. As Dad said, she's in full view of 2 no Trespass signs that we have recently put up on the end of my road, so you would have been standing right in the middle of them.

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Town of Freedom: And her response was, Where's your survey? Bring it to the hearing. Well, if you are as a select board member and a member of this town. Assuming that this road is open, I think the burden of proof is on you to provide that survey. Okay.

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Town of Freedom: Furthermore, she was asked if she was responsible for painting the trees. Orange, she said. Yes, so she's openly admitting to

vandalizing and trespassing on my property as a select board member.

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02:50:00.330 --> 02:50:05.469

Town of Freedom: and the fear for me with that is that opens this board up to liability as well, not just heaven.

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02:50:05.650 --> 02:50:13.089

Town of Freedom: but the board as well, and that is a really slippery slope to be on. You guys, I think that this really needs to

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02:50:13.920 --> 02:50:17.358

Town of Freedom: have close attention paid to it. Okay,

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02:50:18.850 --> 02:50:31.683

Town of Freedom: you know. And the the crazy thing, too, is, I've owned this property for 25 years I grew up on that land I've been a part of. I may not live in freedom. But I've been a part of this property of this town, for in the community for 50 years.

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02:50:32.160 --> 02:50:50.640

Town of Freedom: I think the ironic thing for me is that if anybody had ever bothered to pick up the phone and call me as a select board member as a person wanting to hike on my land, if you'd ever bothered, pick up the phone and ask for permission. 9 times out of 10 that response would have been, have at it. Go have a good time.

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Town of Freedom: Okay, but I did not. I do not give you permission to be on my property anymore.

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Town of Freedom: Know where the where the road is. That is what's in contention? My land is not.

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02:51:01.940 --> 02:51:02.615

Town of Freedom: Yeah.

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02:51:03.780 --> 02:51:23.810

Town of Freedom: As for the hearings, I think you know, I feel like this is trying to strum up facts. I feel like a lot of hard evidence has been presented to you. I feel like the purpose of this is just to try to strum up some knowledge and try to strum up some facts again. Maybe some of it's anecdotal. Maybe some of it's factual. But

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02:51:24.285 --> 02:51:28.984

Town of Freedom: it's it's just crazy to me that I can go on Facebook and see

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02:51:30.425 --> 02:51:46.414

Town of Freedom: town of Albion with our serve. The Freedom survey posted to the town of Albion site, looking for actual information, or the town of China. Okay? And those were there. I saw them. I ended up having some conversation with other people about that

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02:51:47.310 --> 02:52:11.560

Town of Freedom: and the other the other concern that I have is that you know it feels like heather. You are using taxpayer money to fight your own desires, and I feel like that's very shameful. By your own admission you've created damage to my personal property, and you've encouraged others to do the same. You are running road. The select board needs to rein you in as you are creating a liability, not just for yourself, for the entire board due to the damages on my property alone.

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02:52:11.840 --> 02:52:23.229

Town of Freedom: Property is being trespassed and vandalized. My property is not open, the boundary lines again are clear. Heather. You and anyone that you are in bed with are trespassing and vandalizing on my land. Keep on.

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02:52:25.080 --> 02:52:40.569

Town of Freedom: I guess, since the benefits have been coming at me so hard, should it be my turn to testify, or should I wait? I do feel I do feel bad that a lot of people won't be able to come back next week, and they have not had a chance to speak. Well, it's live.

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Town of Freedom: Look, look, folks, I don't. Is there anyone else? So let's take a it's about we've got about 20 min left. As I mentioned, we're gonna run to about 9 o'clock, and I see a show of hands as to how many other folks we expect to

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Town of Freedom: provide comments tonight.

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Town of Freedom: So we've got 3 others right now. Are you gonna be

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Town of Freedom: just in terms of time management? Maybe we should take the 3 others so they can testify tonight. I'd be happy to go next week, too, but I definitely want to address the obligations, of course, so I just heard you ask a lot about letting landowners if they are

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Town of Freedom: Laura, you've asked a lot about if they are willing to compromise, so I'd like to ask the Select board. Are you willing to

compromise? Because we have sent in at least 2 that I can call settlement offers that have been denied by this board?

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Town of Freedom: Well, I'm not sure if we can discuss the settlement offers, I mean, which is a compromise. Well, oh, okay, I I guess my personal feeling, my personal feeling was, it was like,

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Town of Freedom: offered to provide money for us to

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02:53:59.440 --> 02:54:26.069

Town of Freedom: to say, sure, here's the road. That's how I saw it. But why, I'm saying this with the abutters is because and I wanted any others here that I haven't met is because before the suit was even filed we had a meeting, and a lot of the abutters had said, if we could come up with some conclusion that would

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02:54:26.520 --> 02:54:40.270

Town of Freedom: stop or prevent a suit and and taxpayer money being spent, and allow foot traffic, would that be okay? And so a lot of the others that were sitting in the room that day said, Yes.

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Town of Freedom: but then you folks said that you didn't want foot traffic.

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Town of Freedom: So let's let's just fair enough question back and forth to give us some sense of things, but we don't want to get into

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Town of Freedom: offers of settlement, because

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Town of Freedom: people make offers with the expectation that they're not public until they're actually agreed to. So maybe if we could just not go too far down that road anymore.

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02:55:05.100 --> 02:55:10.067

Town of Freedom: I think what the select board is trying to do is, get a sense of in their role.

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Town of Freedom: what the collective property owners are willing to do, and obviously

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02:55:16.080 --> 02:55:19.135

Town of Freedom: that may or may not lead to some kind of a solution.

But,

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02:55:19.930 --> 02:55:35.029

Town of Freedom: I don't want to get into the lawsuit stuff, which I think we sort of bearing into a little bit. But do you have any other comments or questions that you'd like to make. Okay, and you have your hand up as well. Yes, my name is Alexis Bennett. I live on Bennett Lane.

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Town of Freedom: I think I've heard a lot of people talk about their experiences. Being up on the hill. I grew up on the hill born 1991. So over the course of my lifetime I spent a very large amount of time on the hill. As a kid, I played outdoors heavily. We didn't have a 4-wheeler, so most of my time was spent playing with Marion and Dave's daughter, Brianna and we went all over the hill. We walked everywhere.

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Town of Freedom: and in that entire span I couldn't tell you one time I ever ran into someone else.

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Town of Freedom: and that includes going down Bennett Lane, going up the trail by what the market property, and then up past on the

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02:56:23.410 --> 02:56:33.289

Town of Freedom: the road that we're talking about, where the fields are yes, correct. Yes.

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Town of Freedom: so I can see. I just wanted to reiterate that, you know. In even my my time I purchased my dad's house a couple of years ago, and even in my time growing up and living, think the dad told house in like 2,000,

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Town of Freedom: and all that time, like I'd be never! I never see any traffic on Bennett Lane. There's no use there. There's no use going up the hill. I literally have not seen anyone, so it's interesting to hear everyone saying that they're using the road frequently. And I have not been witness to that one.

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Town of Freedom: So, Alexis, when you say so, you would go up like as far as Ron's Field, so did you ever in your play go past that like towards the Hedyniacs or no, we. So at 1 point we did have a 4 wheeler, but the path to take towards the hiddeniacs road was impossible. It was. It was like swamp.

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Town of Freedom: Their swamp on both sides of the road, which is complete mud, and me being not great and super clumsy, I was like, I'm gonna get my 4 wheeler stuck. So no, we never went that direction ever. So it seems it seems like in the room. We have, like a group of people who maybe say they used it. Going past the Hedyniacs up to Ron's fields and then stopped.

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Town of Freedom: And that seems to be a lot of action. It's what I'm hearing. And then maybe really not so much from Steve's end up in because of the condition of the road.

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02:58:04.900 --> 02:58:07.680

Town of Freedom: Okay, thanks.

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02:58:09.620 --> 02:58:38.510

Town of Freedom: Guess I would just say I would agree with Bob. Once you get down to a point, there's no road anymore. I've hunted it in there for years, and I've helped maintain the benefit piece of the road.

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Town of Freedom: So that's there. The bridge that Ron talked about, I put there, I would say, and that's on the Bennett road.

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Town of Freedom: So from that bridge down is a disaster you can't even walking through. It's tough, especially hunting. You have to have your boots on and everything else, because you're in a swamp. From that bridge up to David's field.

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Town of Freedom: That road's even getting pretty slick now, and part of the reason is the Atv use is running it up pretty good, and now it's running down through there, and that's what washed out the culvert and everything else that we had. I removed. The culvert.

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Town of Freedom: I guess, past year. Put the bridge in there because it was a disaster, so I think some of the concern is just about that kind of use, and that road's pretty impossible even during

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02:59:36.520 --> 02:59:51.100

Town of Freedom: any time of the year. It's pretty tough to get through. I caught a lot of wood just to get through. We we cross country ski through that all the time we cross country ski. We manage so

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Town of Freedom: on the picture lot which is opposite as you go down towards the acts.

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Town of Freedom: We go down. It's on the left hand side going down. If I'm walking down. So we go through there, and then we make paths on that land, and I very rarely see anybody but the the bloom seeds are there all the time, so they they are walking. Usually, you know, that's that's that's who I see.

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Town of Freedom: And obviously, Marianne, they see her all the time of the day. But I I mean. We've walked in

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Town of Freedom: since I moved there in 98,

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Town of Freedom: and you know it's I'm the last house on the left. So you know, I know that over like Red Mitchell talked to me about my road being discontinued, but not closed, and I know that like

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Town of Freedom: when you open up a road.

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Town of Freedom: quite a bit of chaos occurs in front of your place, going past. Once they know the roads open and you can get to. So I can appreciate

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Town of Freedom: the Eniacs being concerned about that. I've been concerned myself

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Town of Freedom: in traffic at 3 o'clock in the morning, and things like that frequently.

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Town of Freedom: So so it seems like, you know some people talk about and think that maybe you know really like opening up this road and fixing the road up for traffic, which I I don't think is ever the intention of the cost. But rather

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Town of Freedom: keeping it open for what you all do. And what do you say as in a butter to put traffic.

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Town of Freedom: I'm fine. I'm fine with foot traffic. I would say. I probably

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Town of Freedom: typically the 1st phone will be up on our lot going through, I I would say that I

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Town of Freedom: when I was younger and foolish, I went down past the Hedyniacs and Sally, and sent me back, and I never went down that again, so I would say that, and I don't ever. I've never. I don't remember any snowmobile trails, because I tried to go down a couple of times, and I couldn't get through the path in the wintertime.

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03:02:05.070 --> 03:02:06.060

Town of Freedom: Thanks.

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03:02:07.070 --> 03:02:13.280

Town of Freedom: I just follow up on the comment. Yeah, Red Mitchell said, discontinued, but not closed.

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03:02:13.670 --> 03:02:21.839

Town of Freedom: That's what he said to me about the Sibley Road where I was. Sibley road. Yeah, not the Beaver hill. Yeah, not the Beaver Hill. Okay, thank you.

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Town of Freedom: and this is gonna be real.

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Town of Freedom: Did he say anything about? I no see. When I got there he was well, it was towards the end of his life, and he just said that. You know there are different roads, he said. Your road is discontinued.

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Town of Freedom: but it's open for public use. Sidley road, and that was pretty much it, and I I had to ask them. The flower truck stop right at my road like with pavement ends on on the City road, and that he was nice enough to inform me what the town would and would not do past that

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Town of Freedom: anybody else we've got. Yeah, so I will not speak much, but I do want to tell you about something for which I think I'm the only person with personal knowledge. That's the only reason I speak up

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Town of Freedom: this, we can offer really nothing that's not redundant of what my family already said.

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Town of Freedom: But speaking to public use of this rows.

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Town of Freedom: I want to tell you about an email exchange I had with Heather in September 2023, and I have printed here, depending on wanting to see it

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Town of Freedom: pretty lengthy. 17 pages with screenshots, paragraphs, and paragraphs and road abandonment. So you can imagine what we were talking about.

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Town of Freedom: And

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Town of Freedom: We went back and forth the conversation started out nicely. Very respectful.

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Town of Freedom: We both talked about doing research, and

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Town of Freedom: I explained my view of of the disputed portion of the road, and she explained hers and

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Town of Freedom: became obvious to me that

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Town of Freedom: what I was saying about landmarks and stuff is not lining up with what she was saying, and

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Town of Freedom: she included screenshots of what she was looking at, and her assertion that Beaver Ridge Road was open to the public was based on her. Looking at these regarding the Bennett Lane.

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Town of Freedom: and what used to be called Penny Road, Penny Farms, and all that, and

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Town of Freedom: I decided to agree to agree agree to disagree

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Town of Freedom: because there was just no argument with her.

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Town of Freedom: I explained about all the the language of the town vote and the, you know, red letters and all that's fine, you know. I

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Town of Freedom: couldn't do anything bad at the time to get there. She's not slept enough time this week before

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Town of Freedom: But then I you know. She said something that I thought was pretty interesting, she said.

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03:05:15.300 --> 03:05:22.570

Town of Freedom: I'm attaching the section of the 2,015 Gazetteer. That was still the one being sold when I moved to New.

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03:05:22.760 --> 03:05:25.570

Town of Freedom: He was the one I consulted when I bought my land

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03:05:25.750 --> 03:05:31.259

Town of Freedom: trails at the end of the road were an important feature to make, and are clearly marked here.

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03:05:32.450 --> 03:05:36.870

Town of Freedom: How many people are going to use it besides me? Probably not a lot.

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03:05:39.440 --> 03:05:40.225

Town of Freedom: Alright.

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03:05:41.250 --> 03:05:43.309

Town of Freedom: You want to submit. Thank you. Yes, please.

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03:05:47.110 --> 03:05:50.030

Town of Freedom: basically don't need to initial. Now, hold on that.

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03:05:51.900 --> 03:05:57.550

Town of Freedom: We've got a few minutes left, and I've got to guess. Have the you're gonna be longer than a few minutes. Is there anyone else

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03:05:57.700 --> 03:06:15.279

Town of Freedom: who would like to speak for the 1st time, if not seeing any? Is there anyone else who wanted something brief to say about what other people have said. If you want to clarify the record, just not

argument, but something factual, so that you have a chance to do that.
Now, while we're here.

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03:06:15.350 --> 03:06:39.050

Town of Freedom: we have a couple of minutes factual, not an old history from 1798. How about 2010? The comprehensive plan which I got a copy of, and I'll email it to you. 2010 showed the Snowmobile trail

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03:06:39.680 --> 03:06:45.359

Town of Freedom: coming down the a good part of the Grievy road coming up the

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03:06:46.080 --> 03:06:54.119

Town of Freedom: Beaver Hill road as far as the Turnaround, across from Hollywood's house, then going down

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03:06:54.900 --> 03:06:58.700

Town of Freedom: to the under Viva Hill road, and going the entire length

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03:06:58.850 --> 03:07:05.009

Town of Freedom: of the under Neva Hill road. That was the official Snowmobile trail

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03:07:05.610 --> 03:07:08.049

Town of Freedom: in 2010, according to the

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03:07:08.220 --> 03:07:15.630

Town of Freedom: freedom comprehension plan didn't go up the hill road at all beyond the turnaround.

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03:07:16.230 --> 03:07:23.099

Town of Freedom: It was not. It was not an official snowmobile trail which it's supposed to be talking to State law.

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03:07:25.480 --> 03:07:34.099

Town of Freedom: I'd like to make one comment on that. When I was snowmobiling, Snowmobile trail used to come out in the corner of Ron's Field up there.

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03:07:34.730 --> 03:07:41.689

Town of Freedom: and proceeded down over around the edge of Ron Field, went down to the under the bee button

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03:07:42.220 --> 03:07:47.089

Town of Freedom: through a a role that which had many switchbacks in it, I mean.

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03:07:47.790 --> 03:07:52.990

Town of Freedom: and it proceeded across the Under, the be up across the little wooden bridge.

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03:07:53.670 --> 03:07:59.050

Town of Freedom: went over to the Smithton Road top of the hill, went over to Montville.

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03:08:01.200 --> 03:08:05.149

Town of Freedom: That's where the Snowmobile trail that I remember

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03:08:05.370 --> 03:08:15.379

Town of Freedom: cross Field was an intersection right there 2 snowmobile trails budding together. At 1 point they had towards Montville.

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03:08:15.810 --> 03:08:20.129

Town of Freedom: There's still snowmobile trail lockers on the land behind my house

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03:08:20.300 --> 03:08:24.789

Town of Freedom: which Josie owns, that came all the way from Hutchin Cemetery Road.

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03:08:25.040 --> 03:08:34.355

Town of Freedom: Bye they cross the piece of woods behind my house. Come up by all the Wards house.

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03:08:35.000 --> 03:08:35.690

Town of Freedom: Okay.

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03:08:36.120 --> 03:08:47.700

Town of Freedom: all right. Thank you. We're we have. I guess we're just about done. Yeah, I just wanted to say. I use a hiking GPS map, and I can show you every step that I took on my hike yesterday.

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03:08:47.770 --> 03:09:06.529

Town of Freedom: and I can lay that over 200 years of the Usgs survey of that road. I have all of those documents, and I'll present them next week. I just wanted to make that clear? Because there have been a lot of very false allegations against me today. Okay, well, we're here just to hear what everybody has to say that's related to the road. Exactly.

That's what we're going to do.

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03:09:08.184 --> 03:09:33.419

Town of Freedom: I guess that's it, for now it looks good. Anything else. I think we've got a lot.