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PERAMBULATION OF THE TOWN LINE BETWEEN NEW DURHAM AND ALTON, N. H.

On the initiative of New Durham it was agreed that the town line between New Durham and Alton, N. H. should be perambulated in 1975. The Town of New Durham designated Douglas R. Woodward to represent that town. Mr. Alvah Adams and Mr. Frank Parsons also from New Durham witnessed the perambulation. Mr. Richard Keller was designated to represent Alton. Most of the perambulation was also witnessed by William Clough of Alton.

The perambulation was focused on verification of the critical points in the subject town line. Part of the line from the common corner of Alton, Barnstead, Strafford, Farmington, and New Durham (commonly called 5 corners) northward to "Shirley cut-off" road was viewed. We began our viewing at the south end of the common boundary at "5 corners" the common point of the 5 towns mentioned above. We found the stone monument described in the previous perambulation and noted further that it is witnessed by three stone walls which intersect essentially at the monument. The walls define the common town lines between New Durham and Farmington, between Farmington and Strafford and between Barnstead and Alton. There were no visible markings of the other town lines radiating outward from this monument. We next travelled northward from "5 corners" to a large stone about 52 rds. northerly along the Alton-New Durham Town Line. This stone at the north end of a short (100 ft. \pm) wall section was marked "L" 20-27-34 as described in the previous viewing. We next viewed the monument at the "Cook" road or Ridge Road which is a stone on the west side of the roadside wall and on the easterly side of said road. This stone is about 1,000 feet southerly from the road intersection at Dexter Corner. We found it as described in the previous viewing: i.e. T.L. 1864-1913-20-27-34.

We next viewed the monument on the south side of Meaderboro Road where it crosses the town line. This monument is a large stone at the northerly end of the town line wall marked A-N.D. 27 34. We noted also a projection of this wall on the north side of Meaderboro Road.

We next viewed a marker on the north side of Ten Rod Road, a stone on the wall (described as a red rock) marked A - N.D. 1913 20 27 34. This stone is at the junction of a wall running northerly from the roadside wall. We also noted a stone wall running southerly from this monument.

We next went to the Town Line crossing of Ridge Road. The 1969 perambulation indicates a maple (sugar) on the south side of the road to be the marker. This was found and noted to be essentially at the end of a stone wall which separates the land of V. Nutter in New Durham from that of Robert Berry in Alton. No marks on the tree were noted. We also noted that a stone wall extending northerly from the north side of the road and separating the land of Robert Berry in Alton from that of Thompson in New Durham appears to mark the town line on the north side of the road.

We next went to the town line crossing at the Valley Road so called and found the marked stone in the base of the stone wall as described in the 1969 perambulation.

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This stone is marked ALR T.L. 1878 1864 1913. We noted a stone wall extending northerly from this marker and a cedar post opposite the marker on the south side of the road marking the division of land of Dobbin (in Alton) from that of Robert Berry in New Durham.

We next went to the marker on the north side of the Shirley cut-off and found a granite cut stone marked T.L. 1913, 20, 27, 34 as described in the 1969 perambulation.

We noted that there is no accepted monument at the town line crossing of N. H. Route 11 and that the marker at the Old Bay Road crossing has been destroyed. A N. H. Highway plan indicated the probable location but this needs verification. Effort by Woodward to locate a marker some 172 rods north of the Bay road was unsuccessful.

The next marker visited was the one on the south side of Jones Pond (Marsh Pond), a stone marked 27-34. This marker also marks the Division line between lands of Camp Maranatha in New Durham from lands of Dr. George Marks in Alton. The monument was also noted as witnessed by an iron pipe on the shore of the pond.

We next visited the marker at the Tufts Road (Powder Mill Road), a flat stone with small stones on top located on the north side of the road about 165 feet west of the driveway of McKay. The markings noted were L 27,34,13,91.

We next went to the town line crossing on Marsh Hill Road and noted that the marker located at that point had been removed or covered over with earth and stones heaped against the stone wall where the marker should be. The large boulders and stones effectively discouraged verification of this monument.

We next went to the Chesley Road crossing of the town line and were unable to locate the marker noted in the 1969 report. We did observe a post which was placed by New Durham at the apparent position. The correct position appears to be the southerly extension of a stone wall which extends to the northwest corner of New Durham but which begins about 70 feet northerly of the roadside.

We followed this wall northerly to the northwesterly corner of New Durham which is marked by a marked stone in the base of the wall at a junction of a wall running northeasterly. This marker bears the following marks: N.D. a 27 34 20 13.

We next went to the town line crossing on the Edgerly road. There is no record of any marker here nor was one found but stone walls extending northeasterly and southwesterly from the road appear to indicate the town line. These need verification.

We next went to the town line crossing of the Rines (Caverly) road and noted that no marker exists at that point. We observed a property boundary marking what purports to be also the town line but this also needs verification.

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It is witnessed by an iron pipe located about 2 feet northwesterly of the stone. We followed a marked property boundary extending from the Rines Road to the marker which appears to be a reliable definition of the town line.

The need for recognized markers at all road crossings is apparent and we believe markers at N. H. Route 11, Old Bay Road, Chesley Road, Edgerly Road and Rines (Caverly) Road should be set. Preferably granite posts should be used for this. A Further search for the marker at Marsh Hill Road should be made. The developer in Alton responsible for this problem should stand the cost for such search.

We suggest that New Durham assume responsibility for new markers at Routh 11, the Old Bay Road, and for recovery of the Marsh Hill Road marker. We suggest that Alton assume the burden for markers at Chesley Road, Edgerly Road and Rines Road.

Richard Keller)
William R. Clough) For Alton

The markers agreed to be set by New Durham have been placed.
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