

CANTERBURY – BOSCAWEN

In the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one

RESOLUTION, RETURN OF THE PERAMBULATION OF THE TOWN LINE BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF CANTERBURY AND BOSCAWEN.

The Towns of Canterbury and Boscawen do hereby agree and resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, NH RSA 51:2, requires that the division lines between the towns in this state shall be perambulated and the marks and bounds renewed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NH RSA 51:4, a return of the perambulation shall be made and filed particularly describing the courses and distances and the marks and bounds of such line, and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the Town of Canterbury, being Mark C. Stevens the designated and appointed Canterbury Perambulator; and Lorrie Carey, Selectperson of the Town of Boscawen did meet and perambulate the boundary between the Town of Canterbury and the Town of Boscawen, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Canterbury and the Town of Boscawen wish to observe, renew, and agree upon the marks and bounds as required by RSA 51:2, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Canterbury and the Town of Boscawen wish to perpetuate the written description of the boundary line between the two towns, and

WHEREAS, the said Mark C. Stevens and said Lorrie Carey, after due notice, did meet on the 31st of July 2021, and again on the 4th of September 2021, for the purpose of perambulating the Canterbury-Boscawen town line, and

WHEREAS, The NH Supreme Court did determine (*Boscawen vs. Canterbury 1854*) that the center of the Merrimack River was the division line between the two towns, and

WHEREAS, neither the Town of Canterbury nor the Town of Boscawen wish to dispute the court's decision or the location of this division line, and

WHEREAS, the only bounds and marks of record for this division line, was a mark said to have been located on the Canterbury-Boscawen bridge which once connected West Road in Canterbury with Depot Street in Boscawen, and

WHEREAS, the said bridge was dismantled and removed in 2014, except for the center pier located on a small island in the middle of the river, and

WHEREAS, perambulators Stevens and Carey did diligently search this pier unsuccessfully for the record town line mark or bound, and

WHEREAS, it is presumed that the record mark or bound was located on the bridge deck and not the supporting pier, and it was forever lost during the removal of the bridge deck.

THEREFORE, The Town of Canterbury and the Town of Boscawen do hereby acknowledge and agree that the center of the Merrimack River, as established by the 1854 Supreme Court decision, is the dividing line between the two towns and that no further marks or bounds are necessary.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify and represent that the foregoing resolution and attachments are a fair and accurate record of the perambulation of the town boundary between Canterbury and Boscawen.

CANTERBURY

BOSCAWEN

 20 DEC 2021

Mark C. Stevens date
Duly appointed Perambulator

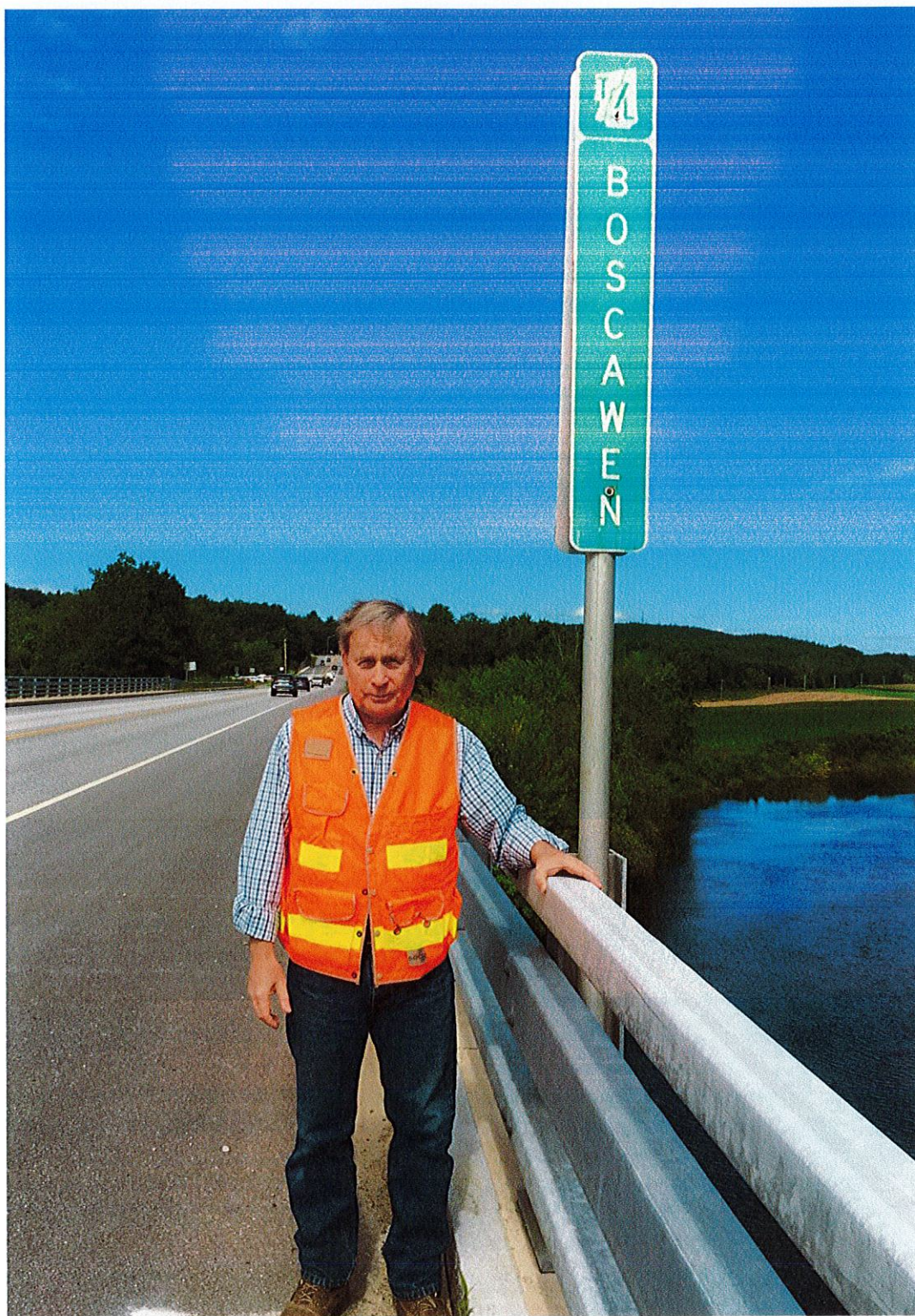
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Lorrie Carey date
Selectperson

Photo Addendum



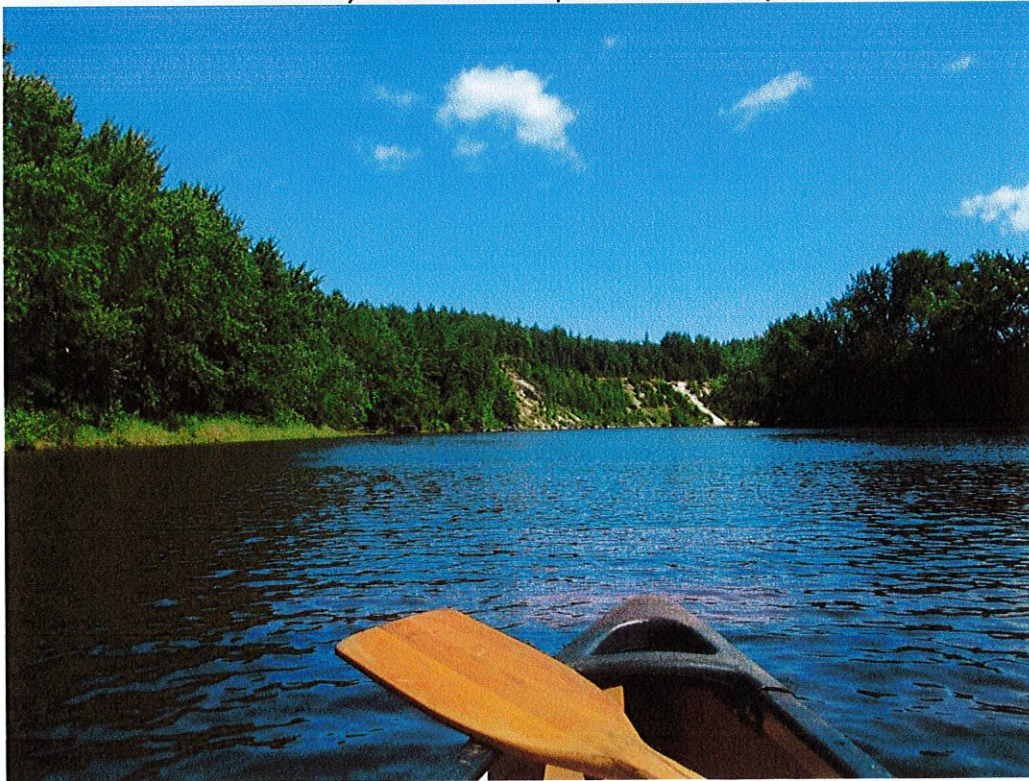
Boscawen Selectperson Lorrie Carey on NH Route 4 bridge over centerline of Merrimack River at Boscawen-Canterbury town line marker sign. 31 July 2021



Canterbury Perambulator Mark Stevens on NH Route 4 bridge over centerline of Merrimack River at Boscawen-Canterbury town line marker sign. 31 July 2021



*Canterbury Perambulator Mark Stevens, perambulating the town line via canoe. 4 September 2021.
Photo by Boscawen Selectperson Lorrie Carey*





A search of the island and remaining bridge pier on 4 September 2021 did not discover any historic town line marks or bounds. Photo of south and east sides of pier.



Photo of north and west sides of pier.