

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

- ✓ 7:00 PM – Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for Selectboard
- ✓ 7:05 PM - Vermont Gran Fondo Saturday Jul 1, 2017 – Permission to Use Warren's Road – Sue Hoxie
- ✓ 7:15 PM – Town Meeting Wrap Up – Budget/Loan

7:40 PM – Bridges Rehab – Main Street and West Hill

→ ✓ CA - Wildlife Corridor Signage Request - Damon Reed

8:00 PM - VHB Over Budget Request

" " Warren Store

8:05 PM – Liquor License Renewal for Mac's Convenience Store – Sherman V. Allen, Inc.

" " Ritcher Inn

8:07 PM – Liquor License Renewal for Sugar Lodge (Cori Ridge Inc)

8:08 PM – Liquor License Renewal for West Hill House B & B

8:10 PM - Approval of Minutes for February 28, 2017

8:15 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and payroll Warrants

\$ 140,190.36 48,992.29

8:30 PM - Town Appointments

8:40 PM - Other Business

****Agenda Subject to Change****

Comp Petition - Pole Relocation

Minutes of March 28, 2017
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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Luke Youmell & Randy Graves.

Members Absent: Clay Mays

Others Present: Sue Hoxie, Damon Reed, Miron Malboeuf, Quayle Rewinski, Chis (VR), Sam TV 44/45, and Cindi Jones.

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order.

7:03 PM – Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair – Mr. Ackland nominated Mr. Cunningham, as Chair, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0. Mr. Cunningham, nominated Mr. Ackland as Vice Chair, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:06 PM - Vermont Gran Fondo – Saturday July 1, 2017 - Sue Hoxie – Ms. Hoxie came before the board to get approval again to use Warren’s Road for the bicycle race. The event is scheduled for July 1, 2017. There are four routes with three routes passing in Warren. They are anticipating 400 riders and currently 160 riders have signed up. Last year they had 290 riders with 80% being out of state. Riders sign up for the 108, 68, 78 or 39 mile rides. The fees are \$125 for the 108-mile ride and the short rides are \$75 to enter. Last year they netted about \$10,000 and used the money for going to local schools and introducing bike safety to kids. This year they are going to put up fix it stations which one is located on top of Middlebury Gap presently. Each route has a support van and there are rest stops planned on each ride. The Gran Fondo is in its 4th year of the event. In return for the event fee, the Town requested a fix it station for Warren Village.

Motion by Mr. Graves to approve the use of Warren’s Roads for the Vermont Gran Fondo Bicycle Race event, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: Vote: 4-0.

7:15 PM – Town Meeting Wrap Up – Mr. Cunningham commented that the board had a special roads meeting on reducing the budget by the \$300,000 instead of taking a loan. During that Roads meeting Mr. Weston had suggested that they don’t pave the Airport Road section saving \$90,000 there and just do the base coat on Brook Road saving another \$216,000. The top coat would be put on the following year. This would give the two culverts time to settle, providing a better road surface. Ms. Jones wanted to make it clear that the amount was not just paving that it included guardrails and shoulders.

Mr. Ackland commented that he was not as clear to the public regarding the paving as it seemed a bit confusing for people to understand. Next year that will be more clarified in the presentation.

Mr. Cunningham had heard that people were concerned about the PTO funding from the Green Mountain National Forest because people thought the board was not going to fund those programs in the future. (Winter Skiing, Swim, Summer Day, Summer Learning). The board would look at the overall Unified District next year to see how other towns were going to handle this as it has to be equal sharing throughout the district.

The board did not want to use taxpayer money to pay for programs in the other towns that are in the Unified School District. It was not guaranteed that the PTO would receive this funding next year.

Mr. Ackland commented that the PTO will have to show the board how they used the funds and where they spent them and for what programs.

The last thing on Town Meeting were people voiced their comment that there was no lunch. A vote was taken to start town meeting at 4:00PM next year.

7:20 PM – Damon Reed– Conservation Commission Signage – Mr. Reed came to the board request approval to put up Wild Life Corridor Signs on two roads. Mr. Reed commented that the Fish and Wildlife were sponsoring some mini grants up to \$600 for signage. The Commission wanted to put one on Route 100 near the top gas property or the Rodgers Property that would be at the south and north ends and also on the East Warren Road. Mr. Reed also commented that they knew that VTRANS would have to approve the signs on RT 100. Mr. Cunningham asked about the size and design. Mr. Reed commented that it is undetermined at this time and they could be black/yellow with animal signage on it. The conservation Commission would defer to Arrowwood for the design and location. Mr. Reed also commented that there would be public education on this and that it keeps an awareness of a wildlife corridor. It could also have a possibly calming effect for the area.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to support and approve the grant and two roads locations (RT 100 and the East Warren Road), second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: Vote: 4-0.

7:30 PM – VHB Over Budget Request – Mr. Graves commented that he was very clear from the interviewing committee and the Planning Commission that there was a specific budget that was budgeted for the Main Street Project and that they knew going in what it was. Mr. Ackland commented that they knew what the budget amount was and signed a contract not to exceed. VHB stated that the overage of \$3,397.235 resulted from the project being quite challenging to match the design to the grant award and their attendance at an extra site meeting relating to potentially burying the powerlines. Mr. Cunningham commented that they did a good job providing the plans on time and also their presentations during the Planning Commission Meetings were informational and good. As the design engineer they should have known where their budget was and made a request before pursuing the extra additional meeting. The board agreed that they were not in favor of paying any more money as there was a contract with the Town specifying the contract amount for the project not to exceed.

Other questions concerning the project were asked by Ms. Rewinski. She wanted to know why the project was happening, was the town doing it because it was free money and the construction time line. Mr. Cunningham explained that the project came about from Tropical Irene from the Economic Development side. It was money given to communities who experience storm damage to their downtowns and to help the down towns with economic revitalization to the area. This would help to bring small businesses to the community. The grant was also for traffic calming of sharing the road with bikes, pedestrians, cars and was making it a friendly and pleasing interaction with all. Mr. Graves commented that the project was just a small piece that would tie into the whole grand scheme of the Village area. It would connect and be part of the Town Green plan to for connectivity of the area making it more attractive and pleasing to visit and stay. It also connects with the parking lot upgrades for stormwater, the town water well and it made since to the master plan to tie it all in. Ms. Rewinski was concerned about the construction timing as it had to be completed by June 30.

She did not feel that it would be completed by then encroaching upon July 4th. The board felt that the construction of the downtown area would be done prior to July 4th. The board asked Ms. Rewinski if she had any more questions concerning project and if her concerns had been answered. She had no more questions from the board.

8:00 PM - Bridges – Main Street & West Hill Bridge – Ms. Jones explained she had estimates for both projects. The West Hill Bridge for rehab was coming in around \$300,000 to \$370,000. She would like to go ahead and hire an engineer to do a boundary survey, soil/ledge borings and elevations to determine more information for rehab on the structure. The cost could come in lower depending on what the results would be. She also commented that she has put this in as a structure grant and that she has asked VTRANS to come and look the bridge for any possible movement.

The Main Street Bridge by the Warren Store she received two estimates. One of the estimates was for \$350,000 to \$375,000 which was installing a new precast deck with 4' wide sidewalk, fixing the abutments and doing a membrane and pave. They did not want to do a deck overlay. The other company came in at \$130,000.00 for the rehab going by VTRANS recommendations and coming out to look at the site. The bridge would keep its historical appearance. The street would be closed for 3 weeks during the rehab and all work can be done from the roadway. Mr. Youmell asked about the life of the rehab of the structure. Ms. Jones commented about 25-30 years and a new structure longer than that. Main Street does not take as much traffic as Route 100 does and could last longer than that. The board opted to go with the Main Street rehab and would like to have the LPM from the Down Town Village Main Street Project be in contact with them so that they know what is going on.

8:10 PM - Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2017 – Special Roads Meeting – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2017, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:12 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as presented for \$140,190.36, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:14 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$48,992.29, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:16 PM – Approval of Minutes for February 28, 2017 – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2017, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:18 PM – Liquor License Renewal for the Pitcher Inn – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license renewal for the Pitcher Inn, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: Vote: 4-0.

8:20 PM – Liquor License and Tobacco Renewal for The Warren Store– Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license and tobacco renewal for the Warren Store, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:22 PM - Liquor License and Outside Consumption License for the Sugar Lodge (Corri Ridge Inc) – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor licenses renewal for the Sugar Lodge, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: Vote: 4-0.

8:24 PM - Liquor License Renewal for Mac's Convenience Store (Sherman V. Allen) – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license renewal for Mac's Convenience Store, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:26 PM – Liquor License and Outside Consumption Renewal for West Hill House B &B – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license and outside consumption renewal for the West Hill House B&B, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: Vote: 4-0.

8:20 PM – Approval of Town Appointments – Motion by Mr. Ackland to re-appoint the town officials as submitted, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: Vote: 4-0.

8:25 PM – Green Mountain Power Petition for Pole Relocation Lincoln Gap – Ms. Jones presented to the board the map showing the poles that would be relocated from the Krotinger property to the end. Ms. Jones commented that they have contacted all the land owners along the road in that area and all are pretty receptive to the idea. She also asked about the height across the road in two locations because of plowing during the winter, and they will have the adequate line height for clearance. Project time table could be mid to late summer.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve Green Mountain Powers request for pole relocation from the Kotinger Property on Lincoln Gap to the end by Weeds, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Other Business:

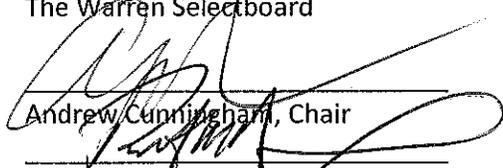
Airport Road/ Dump Road Site Visit – Mr. Youmell, Mr. Graves, and Mr. Guazzoni (VTRANS) and myself met at the intersection to discuss some options of relocation. In the conversation and visit, the relocation did not seem a viable option with only 30' wide buffer and the power line would have to be moved. We all then looked at the sign package and decided that a new sign package would be more beneficial.

Sheriff Patrol – A short conversation about the patrol on the Access Road came up. The road is patrolled for safety. Mr. Ackland didn't know if putting up a sign telling people that it is patrolled would help. Mr. Cunningham commented that he didn't think more signage would help. Mr. Youmell commented that some residents of Club Sugarbush were glad he was patrolling that area and Ms. Jones commented that some residents up in Sugarbush Village commented to the Sheriffs Deputy that they were happy to see some sort of patrol. Mr. Graves commented that those who had an issue with the Sherriff patrolling the Access Road could come to a meeting and discuss their concerns with the Selectboard.

8:45 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cunningham, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

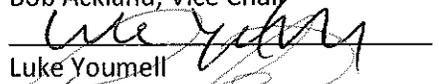
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones
Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andrew Cunningham, Chair

Bob Ackland, Vice Chair



Luke Youmell



Randy Graves



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EVENT INFO

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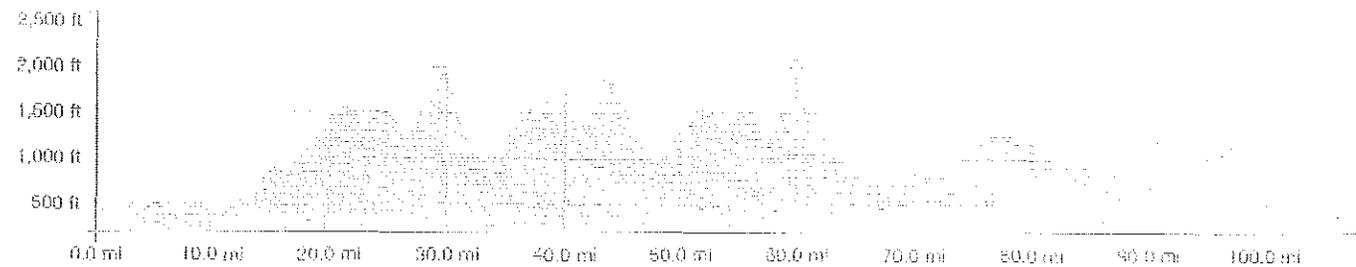
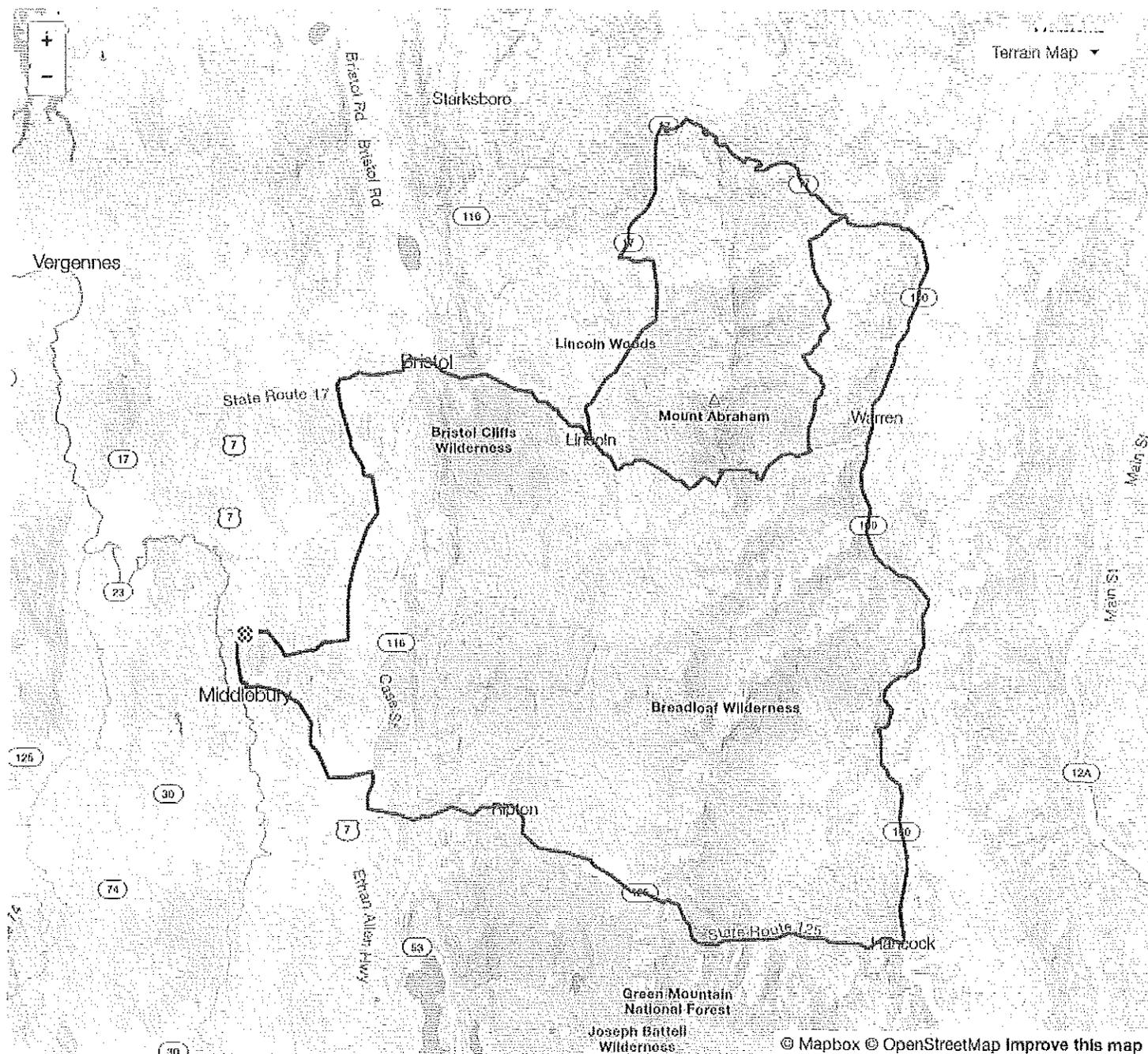
The 2017 Vermont Gran Fondo course brings back the Middlebury gap into the fray as the final gap climb. Rivaling many rides in the western U.S., Vermonters call mountain passes “gaps,” and you’ll traverse three of them: Appalachian Gap (west to east), Lincoln Gap, Appalachian Gap (west to east) again and finally, Middlebury Gap (east to west). We unfortunately miss the Brandon Gap due to road construction but, hope to return to the LAMB route in 2018. With a 24% maximum grade and an average grade of 15%, the east side of Lincoln Gap is reported to be the steepest paved mile in the U.S., according to [Bicycling Magazine \(https://books.google.com/books?id=l8UDAAAAMBAJ&lpg=RA1-PA101&ots=BpHRiLljG&dq=steepest%20paved%20mile%20in%20us%202008&pg=RA1-PA101#v=onepage&q=steepest%20paved%20mile%20in%20us%202008&f=false\)](https://books.google.com/books?id=l8UDAAAAMBAJ&lpg=RA1-PA101&ots=BpHRiLljG&dq=steepest%20paved%20mile%20in%20us%202008&pg=RA1-PA101#v=onepage&q=steepest%20paved%20mile%20in%20us%202008&f=false) (June 2008). The Gran course will again push the limits with 10K+ ft of climbing and 100+ miles.

Depending on your level of fitness and aggression you should expect to be in the saddle 5 to 10 hours. Refueling stops will be available at the peak of every gap and mechanical/sag support is provided by local mechanics; Frog Hollow Bikes, VBT and Discovery Bicycle Tours.

Sounds challenging? You betcha! How about the Medio? The Medio Difficile distance (67+ miles) traverses the Appalachian gap and Lincoln Gap with 7K+ feet of climbing. If that sounds like too much for your palate, try the Medio Facile (aka “Challenge Lite”), a little longer than the Difficile but, no steep grade of Lincoln Gap(15% average) and 1k less in elevation. Still too much for your taste? Then try the low calorie version, the Piccolo: ~39 miles and 2,850 feet of climbing.

2017 Course Highlights

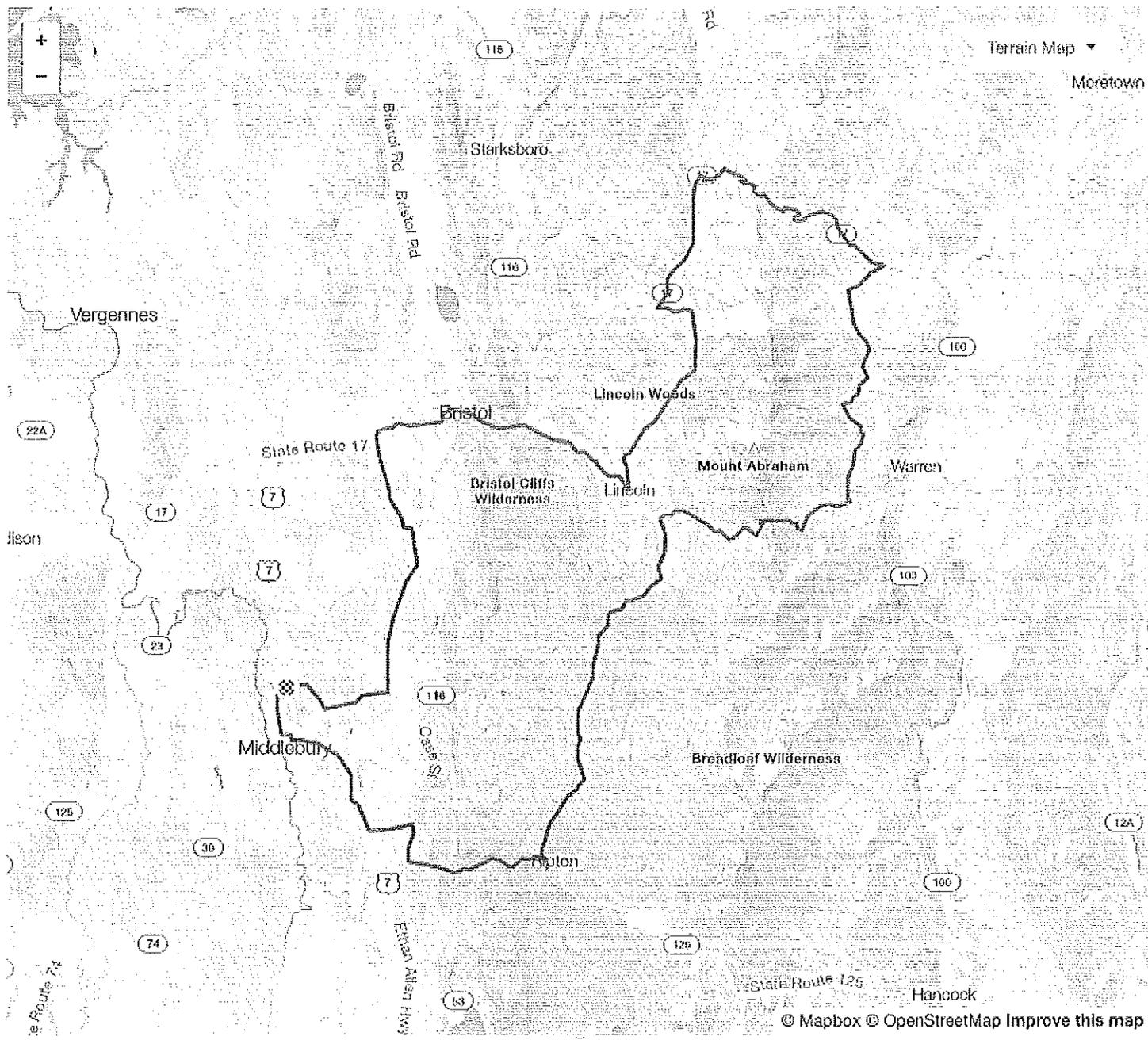
- Sustained grades of 20% to 24% on Lincoln Gap—the steepest paved mile in the U.S.
- Gran, Medio Difficile and Piccolo routes include stretches of iconic Vermont dirt roads. They are hard packed and easily traversed: Approximately ~11 miles for Gran riders, ~15 miles for Medio Difficile, ~1 miles for Medio Facile, and ~7 miles for Piccolo.
- Loop De Doo Loop route for Gran & single loop for both Medio routes & Piccolo.
- Start/finish in Middlebury, Vermont from Woodchuck Cider House.
- Rest stops at the top Middlebury, Appalachian, and Lincoln Gaps—all stocked with water, Gatorade, food, first aid supplies.



Medio Difficile Fondo Course (provisional)

Stats

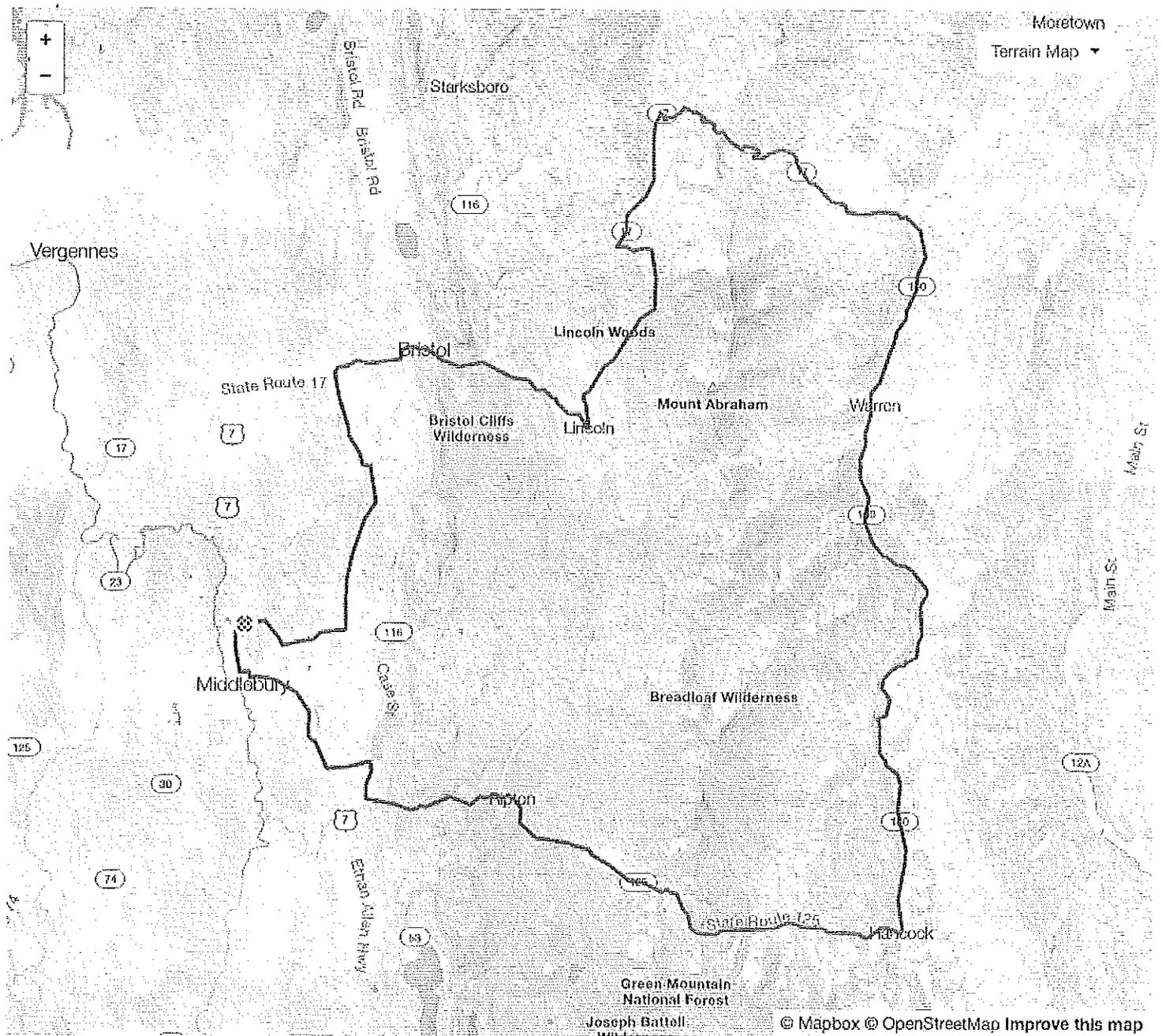
- Distance – ~68 miles
- Start Elevation – ~449 ft



Medio Facile Fondo Course (provisional)

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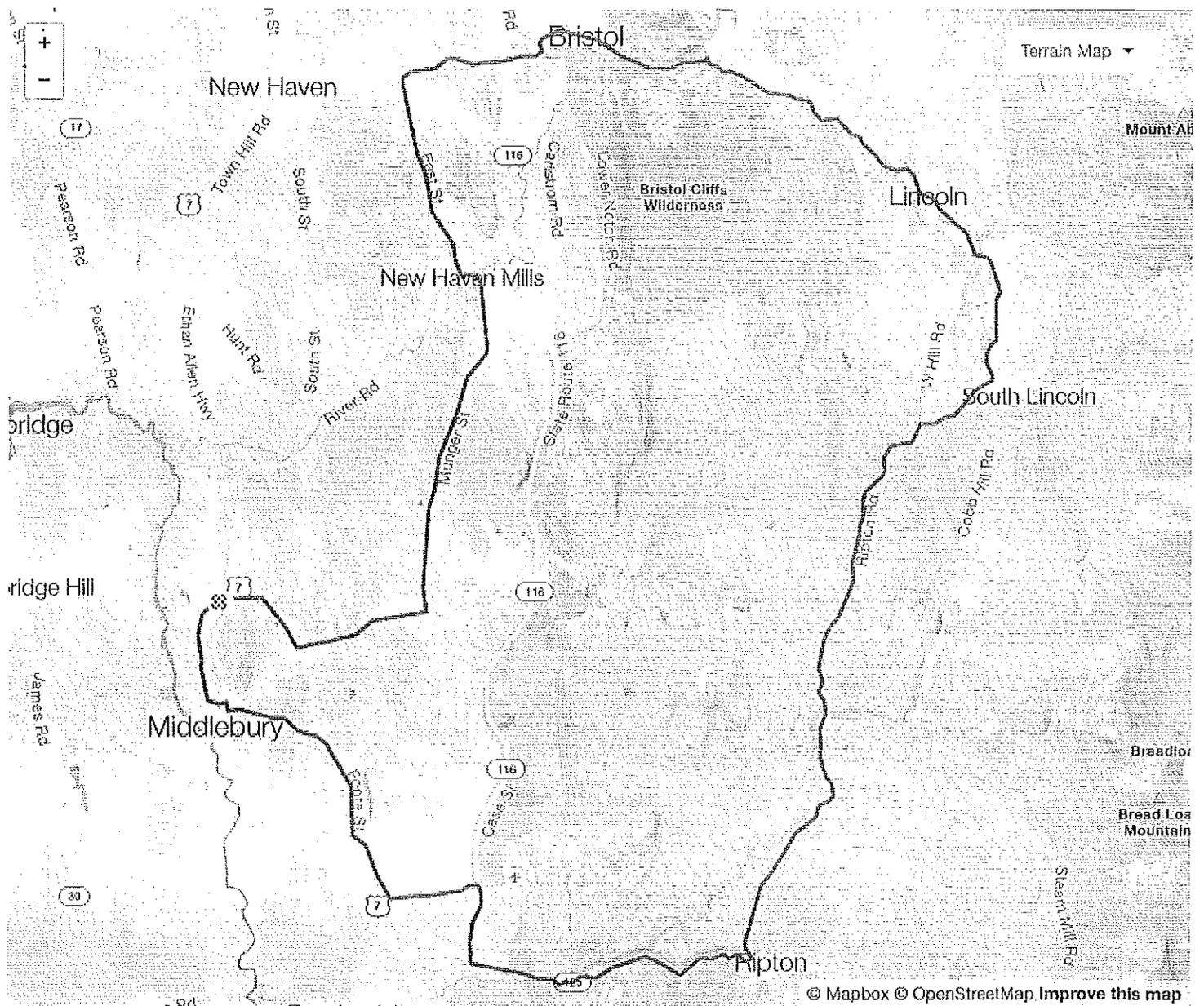
- Distance - ~78 miles
- Start Elevation - ~449 ft



Piccolo Fondo Course (provisional)

Stats

- Distance – ~39 miles
- Start Elevation – ~449 ft



KOM Segments

(KOM & QOM Winner trophies only awarded to Gran riders)

[Lincoln Gap \(https://www.strava.com/segments/9695932\)](https://www.strava.com/segments/9695932)

[Appalachian Gap \(https://www.strava.com/segments/9680720\)](https://www.strava.com/segments/9680720)

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