[TOWN BOUNDARY RESEARCH AND MAPPING]

Outline of the various sources of Town Boundary information including where these sources are potentially located. Examples of sources are included as well as a description of field techniques to locate town boundary markers with a mapping grade GPS.
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Town Boundary Research

Official Town Records

a. Town Charter

b. Perambulation Reports. A once required activity by each town selectman/mayor to walk the coincident town line with the neighboring selectman/mayor. Legislation requiring town lines to be perambulated every five years (and at all) was repealed by legislation in 1979. The selectmen typically would oftentimes be accompanied by the County Surveyor or local surveyor.

i. Deed (filed with other deeds). Example Town of Canterbury Volume 9 Page 431.

iii. Town Meeting Minutes – Perambulation Reports

iv. Town Highways Book - Perambulation

County Records (assumed to be at state library)
   a. Town Boundary Maps (may be surveyed by County Surveyor)
State Records (assumed to be at state library)
   a. Incorporating Act – Legislative Special Acts
   b. Town Boundary Revision Act

Federal Records
   • USGS Topographic Maps
     a. Current Set (ESRI US Topographic Map Service)
     b. 1950’s version (MAGIC georeferenced topos)
     c. 1940’s version (MAGIC georeferenced topos)

Private Records
   • Surveyor Maps
     a. On file with Town Clerk
        i. Specific townline map created for the purpose of delineating townline.
        ii. Subdivision or any other survey with a property than abuts or spans townline.
            May or may not be adequately indexed indicating townline on map.
     b. Unfiled maps with local surveyors

Compilation and Field Work

Compilation
Field Work

a. At least a Sub-Foot GPS receiver. Load any existing data sources even if preliminary
b. Photograph bounds/monuments
c. Type, height above grade,