

MIDDLE ROAD PARCEL

Located high on a hill in Vermont, the property features a large-level meadow with attractive long views and various homesite options.



74.4 Grand List Acres Plainfield, Washington County, Vermont

Price: \$278,000

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LOCATION

The property is located in the rural town of Plainfield, a bedroom community to the nearby Barre-Montpelier Cities. The area is a working landscape of family farms, managed forests, public lands and small villages. This region's land use is nearly evenly divided between farm and forestland, with homes semi-widely scattered. The 26,000-acre Groton State Forest occupies the eastern end of the town, with the Spruce Mountain Trailhead 5 miles to the east. The capital city, Montpelier, with an enticing array of amenities, is 11 miles to the southwest, with Barre's downtown 5 miles along the way. Plainfield Village (2 miles to the north) offers a restaurant, health center, grocery store, opera house, and book store. The golf course, open to the public, is at the Country Club of Barre, 4 miles to the west, with the East Hill Farm Riding Center 2 miles to the south. Boston, Massachusetts, is a 2.75-hour drive to the southeast.



ACCESS

Access can be considered excellent with frontage on two town-maintained, graveled roads, each with electric power and telephone services roadside.

The Middle Road frontage is 870' of level terrain with an easy potential driveway point at the middle of the frontage (other possible driveway points are possible).

The Lower Road frontage is 950' with two good potential driveway points possible (one driveway is established and is currently used as the VAST trail).

Several old woods and agricultural-related trails provide internal access. In addition, a well-maintained Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) trail runs through the land which is depicted on the property maps.

Given the two town roads, multiple access points and level terrain, the future subdivision of the land is possible.



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SITE DESCRIPTION

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The property's highlights include nearly 20 acres of open land, possible long views, a historic homesite, and attractive forest resources.

The land's relatively high elevation provides attractive, potentially long views to the east of the mountains near the Groton State Forest and the west of the Worcester Range.

The eastern half of the property offers gentle, mostly well-drained terrain, while the western half has variable slopes with a mix of gentle, to at times exposed bedrock, small cliffs, and short ridges. The high elevation is along Middle Road at 1,400' above sea level (ASL), falling to 1,180' ASL along Lower Road. The aspect is generally to the west.

Given the relatively high elevation, no yearround streams are on the land.

The property's nearly 20 acres of open land sits at its center, a private location with existing views of the mountains to the northeast. This meadow is a perfect location to build a home. With additional tree clearing, the view would improve and include the Worcester Range to the west.

Depicted on the property maps, the historic homestead site is along the meadow's edge, near the southern boundary and includes a large cellar hole, stone foundations for the home and nearby barn, and old, large trees.







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FOREST RESOURCE

The forest resource can be divided into two general stand types (as done in the land's Forest Management Plan). The eastern half is regrowth from old field abandonment consisting of trees roughly 25-40 years old. Hardwoods dominate with scattered pines.

The land's western half holds an older class of white pine and northern hardwoods, with most stems about 55-65 years old. Good forest aesthetics and varied terrain make hiking in this half of the property interesting.

A vernal pool exists just to the west of the meadow at the base of a ridge.

TAXES, TITLE & ZONING

The property is owned by Jeffrey A. Dilks & Kelli J. Dilks, whose deed is recorded in the Plainfield Town Clerk's Office in Book 65, Pages 482-483.



In 2012 soil test pits were taken near the edge of the eastern end of the meadow, confirming a mound system. The land was surveyed in 2012.

Annual property taxes in 2022 were \$358.26. The entire property is enrolled in the State of Vermont's Use Value Appraisal (UVA) program, also known as Current Use. The UVA program allows for a substantial property tax reduction in exchange for the practice of "good" silviculture and a commitment to non-development uses. The management plan date is 2015.



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