

District 5, 8
Certcode 0415-0

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2026 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section via email to: aot.mileagecertificates@vermont.gov or if necessary via mail to: VTrans PPAID - Mapping Section, 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641.

We, the members of the legislative body of **UNDERHILL** in **CHITTENDEN** County on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

| Town Highways | Previous Mileage | Added Mileage | Subtracted Mileage | Total | Scenic Highways |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Class 1 | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 |
| Class 2 | 8.750 | | | | 0.000 |
| Class 3 | 43.32 | 0.33 | | 43.65 | 0.000 |
| State Highway | 4.944 | | | | 0.000 |
| Total | 57.014 | 0.33 | | 57.344 | 0.000 |
| * Class 1 Lane | 0.000 | | | | |
| * Class 4 | 6.53 | | 0.33 | 6.20 | 0.000 |
| * Legal Trail | 0.60 | | | | |

* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total.

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PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

1. **NEW HIGHWAYS:** Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".

2. **DISCONTINUED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

3. **RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

The northern portion of TH#2 (Mountain Rd) was upgraded to Class 3 standards (0.33 miles). The northern 1.1 miles is not maintained during the winter months. See attached Selectboard Order outlining the procedure followed in Title 19 VSA §§ 302 (a)(3)(B) & 709.

4. **SCENIC HIGHWAYS:** Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES RECORDED THIS YEAR: Place an X in the box and sign below.

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Signatures of Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees:

[Handwritten signatures]

Signature of T/C/V Clerk: *[Signature]* Date Filed: *1.23.26*

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

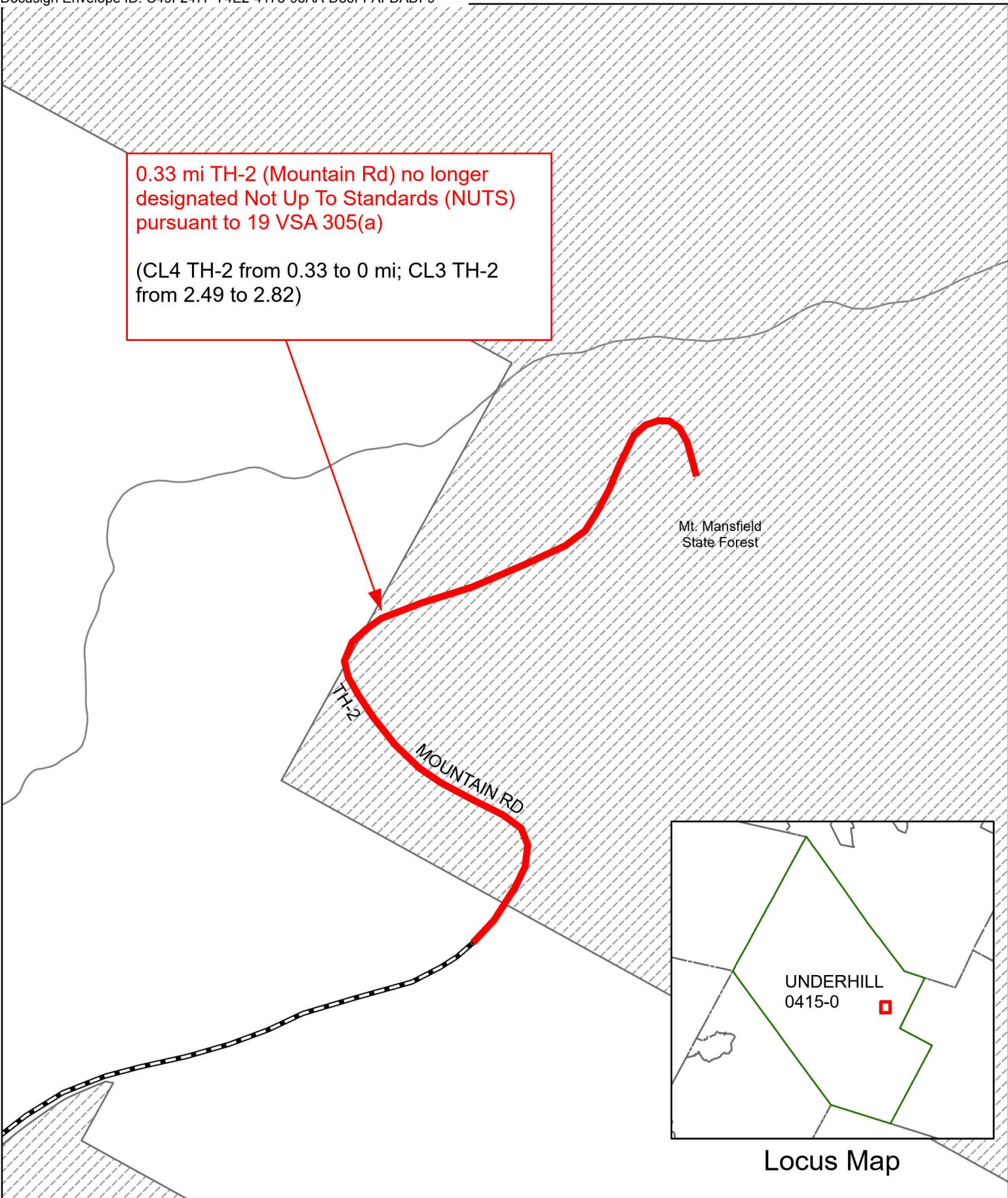
APPROVED:

[Signature]
Johnathan Croft
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Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 1/23/2026

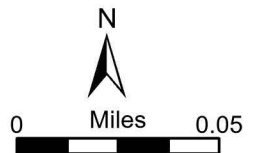
0.33 mi TH-2 (Mountain Rd) no longer designated Not Up To Standards (NUTS) pursuant to 19 VSA 305(a)

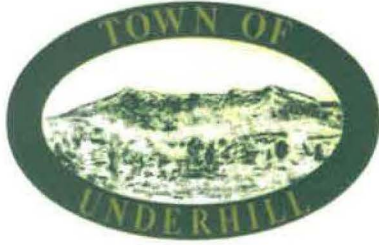
(CL4 TH-2 from 0.33 to 0 mi; CL3 TH-2 from 2.49 to 2.82)



Mileage Certificate Changes 2026
UNDERHILL TH-2
(CTUA:0415-0)
(CERTCODE:0415-0)

Mapping Section
Highway Division
Vermont Agency of Transportation -- January 23, 2026





Town of Underhill

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January 22, 2026

Johnathan Croft
Mapping Section Chief
Vermont Agency of Transportation
219 North Main Street
Barre, Vermont 05641

Re: Town of Underhill 2026 Mileage Certificate

Dear Johnathan,

As we discussed on the phone last week, we have instituted some changes to Town Highway #2, Mountain Road, in regard to winter maintenance and the future installation of a seasonal gate. I've attached the Selectboard's Return for more detail on those proceedings. I've also attached photographs of the upper 0.33 mile portion that is currently designated "Not up to Standard". The Town feels that portion of the highway is now up to standard and I have made the adjustments on this year's Mileage Certificate to reflect as such.

Please reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Holden", is written over a horizontal line.

Brad Holden, Town Administrator

bholden@underhillvt.gov

802-899-4434 Ext 7

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Received DEC 19, 2025 08:30 AM
Recorded in VOL: 297 PG: 124 - 128
Of Underhill Land Records
ATTEST: Sherri Morin, Town Clerk

**SELECTBOARD'S RETURN
TOWN OF UNDERHILL, VERMONT**

**ORDER REGARDING WINTER MAINTENANCE AND THE PLACEMENT OF A
SEASONAL GATE ON THE NORTHERLY PORTION OF TOWN HIGHWAY #2,
KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN ROAD**

The Town of Underhill Selectboard held a duly warned public hearing on October 23, 2025, pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §§ 302(a)(3)(B) & 709, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the matter of whether the Town of Underhill should consider ceasing winter maintenance and the placement of a seasonal gate on the northerly portion of Town Highway #2, Mountain Road. Prior to the hearing, on October 18, 2025, the Selectboard held a site visit and public examination of the northerly portion of Town Highway #2, Mountain Road.

The portion of Mountain Road being considered for the termination of winter maintenance is described as follows: Starting at or near the northern end of the winter parking area, located approximately 1.7 miles up Mountain Road (northeasterly) from Pleasant Valley Road which will be the terminus for winter maintenance and the location of a proposed seasonal gate to be erected. The highway will not be maintained during the winter months (approximately mid-November to mid-April) from that point northerly to the terminus of Town Highway #2. The length of Town Highway #2 where no winter maintenance will be performed is approximately 1.1 miles. For the safety of the public, the gate will only be used to prohibit authorized vehicles from accessing the highway during the winter months when the highway will not be maintained.

Introduction and Procedural Background

1. The Notice of Examination of Premises and the Public Hearing was posted at the Town of Underhill Clerk's Office on September 15, 2025. Notice was also posted at the Underhill Town Clerk's Office, the Food Sharing Shed at Moore Park, Jacobs Family Market, and on the Town of Underhill website calendar.
2. On September 15, 2025, the Town hand delivered notice of the hearing to the Town of Underhill Planning Commission.
3. On October 1, 2025, the Town published a notice of hearing in its official newspaper of record, *Seven Days*.

4. On September 15, 2025, the Town sent a notice of hearing by certified mail to the Commissioner of Forest, Parks, and Recreation.
5. On September 15, 2025, the Town sent a notice of hearing by certified mail and regular first class mail to the persons owning or interested in the lands through which the portion of Town Highway #2 that is proposed to no longer be maintained in the winter passes or abuts. These individuals include:
 - Francis & Edward Von Turkovich
 - Keith Thompson & Susan Finnefrock
 - Beth Russell
 - Scott Gould & Marcelyn Murray
 - Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
 - VT Dept. of Forest, Parks & Recreation, Danielle Fitzko, Commissioner
 - Timothy & Martha McLaughlin
 - Fogg Trust, Et Al
 - Charles Smith & Amy Mellencamp
 - Andrew Smith
 - Montgomery Subdivision Landowners Association
 - Edgmont House, LLC
 - Betsy Evans & Jeffrey Coulson
 - John & Amberly Leasure
 - A.Johnson Company
 - Guy & Alice George Family Trust, M. Crawford, Trustee
 - MERS
 - PHH Mortgage Corp
 - Property Valuation and Review Current Use Program
 - TESLA, Inc.
 - Union Bank
 - Underhill-Jericho Fire Department
 - Underhill Planning Commission
6. On Saturday, October 18, 2025, the Selectboard conducted an Examination of the Premises at 1:00 PM on the portion of Town Highway #2 being considered for the cessation of winter maintenance and the placement of a seasonal gate. A summary of the Examination of the Premises, which includes a list of the attendees, is available in the minutes of the examination at the Underhill Town Clerk's Office as well as on the Town's website.
7. On October 23, 2025, at 6:00 PM, the Selectboard convened an in-person public hearing at the Underhill Town Clerk's Office located at 12 Pleasant Valley Road. Interested persons also participated virtually and by telephone using remote meeting link information provided in the agenda. Detailed minutes from the hearing are available at the Underhill Town Clerk's Office as well as on the Town's website.

8. Written testimony was received by email prior to the hearing.
9. The Underhill Town Administrator provided testimony.
10. Testimony was given by interested persons as detailed in the hearing minutes.
11. At 6:30 PM the Selectboard closed the evidentiary portion of the hearing.

Town of Underhill - Exhibits

- A. Town of Underhill Selectboard minutes from September 11, 2025.
- B. Town of Underhill Notice of Examination of Premises and Public Hearing to consider winter maintenance and the placement of a seasonal gate on the northern portion of Town Highway #2, known as Mountain Road.
- C. 2025 Vermont Agency of Transportation Official Town Highway Map.
- D. Parcel data depicting the adjacent landowners and physical features.
- E. Vermont Agency of Natural Resource Map detailing the northerly portion of Town Highway #2 and the extent of winter maintenance.
- F. Certificate of Service.
- G. October 1, 2025, notification of hearing in the Town of Underhill's official newspaper of circulation, Seven Days.
- H. The October 23, 2025, Selectboard agenda.
- I. A summary of the Examination, which was held on Saturday, October 18, 2025.
- J. Email correspondence from Scott Gould to the Underhill Town Administrator. Mr. Gould owns property located at 227 Mountain Road.

Except as otherwise indicated, all of the written and verbal testimony, submittals and other evidence cited above and summarized in the above-referenced hearing minutes (which are, themselves, incorporated herein by reference) were reviewed and considered by the Selectboard in rendering this decision.

Findings

1. Town Highway #2, known as Mountain Road, is a Class 3 Town Highway.
2. The northerly portion of Town Highway #2 is the highest elevation highway in the Town of Underhill.
3. The northerly portion of Town Highway #2, being +/-1.1 miles long, from the "winter parking area" north to the terminus at the Underhill State Park has not historically been maintained in the winter season due to the frequent isolated snowfall events that can occur on this high elevation road. This combined with the lack of pull off areas and the lack of a proper turnaround area creates an unsafe environment for the traveling public and the Town's Highway Department in winter conditions.
4. The northerly portion of Town Highway #2 serves no year-round residents, and the Underhill State Park facilities are not operational in the winter.
5. The northern portion of Town Highway #2, as described above, is used primarily by winter recreational users such as for skiing, snowshoeing, or hiking.
6. As seen during the examination of the premises, the grade of the road ranges from steep to very steep. There are various sections along the westerly edge of the traveled way of the road that are unprotected by guard rails or other means, and the terrain drops off abruptly, down extremely long, steep banks, which terminate at the Brown's River creating significant and severe safety concerns for vehicle travel.
7. Testimony was submitted demonstrating that every year vehicles try to access the snow covered upper portions of Town Highway #2, even though there is clear signage that states this section is not maintained during the winter season. Subsequently, vehicles have attempted to access this section and have gone off the roadway causing emergency services to be dispatched. Last year, multiple vehicles were involved in an incident which resulted in unsafe conditions for emergency responders which included damage to emergency service vehicles during recovery efforts.
8. The Selectboard finds, based upon oral testimony, that a representative from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation stated that his Department is in agreement with the Town's proposal to cease winter maintenance and is in favor of both not maintaining the road during the winter months and installing a seasonal gate to prevent unauthorized vehicles from accessing this section of road during winter months.

Order and Decision

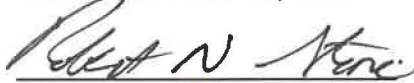
The portion of Town Highway #2 under consideration is described as follows: "Starting at or near the northern end of the winter parking area, located approximately 1.7 miles up Mountain Road (northeasterly) from Pleasant Valley Road which will be the terminus for winter maintenance and the proposed location of a seasonal gate to be erected. The length of Town Highway #2 that will no longer be maintained in winter months is approximately 1.1 miles."

Based upon the foregoing findings and testimony and evidence submitted at the hearing, the Selectboard concludes and orders that the safety of the traveling public and Town of Underhill employees, as well as the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town, warrant ceasing maintenance during the winter months (roughly mid-November to mid-April) of the +/-1.1-mile section of Town Highway #2/Mountain Road at issue in this proceeding, and for the safety of the traveling public, a gate shall be installed to prohibit vehicles from accessing this +/-1.1-mile portion of Town Highway #2 during the winter months when the highway will not be maintained.

Landowners needing access to their property during the winter months shall contact the Town to make arrangements for gate passage. A gate use policy will be created within 3 months of adopting this order. The gates use policy will address among other things landowner access, proper opening and closing practices, signage noting road is closed to vehicles, and other details necessary as deemed appropriate by the town.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: The above described segment of TH #2 shall not be maintained during the winter months, and a season gate shall be erected. This Order shall be recorded by the Town Clerk.

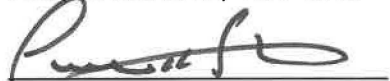
Issued December 18, 2025



Robert N. Stone, Chair



Patricia Richards, Vice Chair



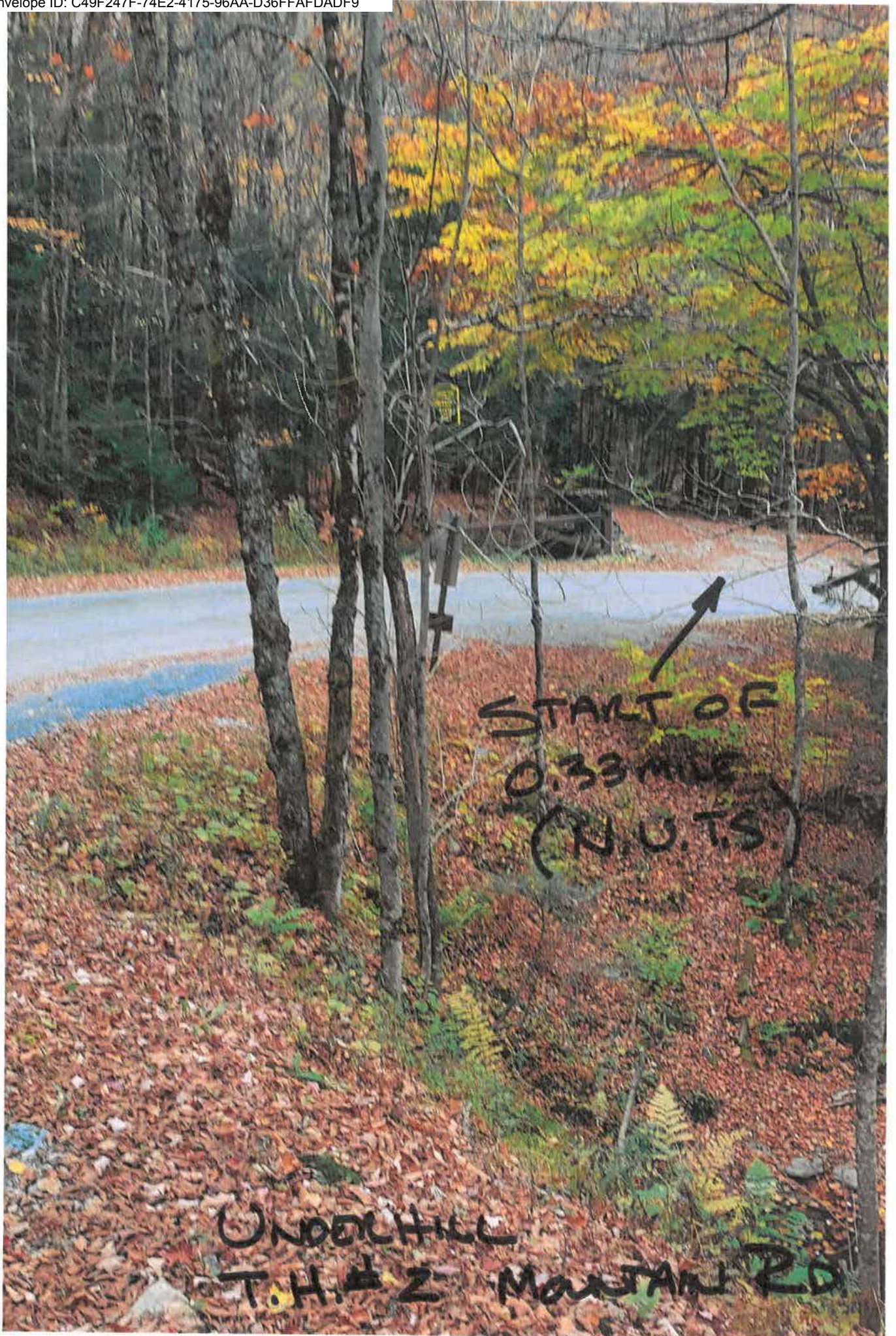
Dan Steinbauer



Maureen Collins-Kolb



Shara Tarule



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