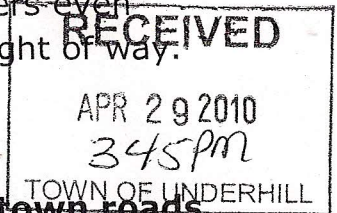


# Petition on Fairness in Town Road Maintenance on Public and Private Roads

On Friday February 5, 2010 the Selectboard strongly considered accepting maintenance responsibilities on a private road. While the proposed "Cloverdale" culvert replacement did successfully find external sources of funding for the initial project there were no provisions for ongoing maintenance costs, which would be spread among all tax payers even though the project is on a private road outside of the public right of way.

We the legal voters of the Town of Underhill hereby petition:



- 1) **The Underhill Selectboard shall maintain all legal town roads and highways without bias and in a manner consistent with the Vermont State Highway Department's depiction of their classifications as of 1/1/2010**

(see map attached, available for download at:

<http://www.aot.state.vt.us/Planning/images/townmaps/Underhill.pdf>).

In the process of this maintenance, it is reasonable for the Town to continue its tradition of maintaining culverts located within the public right of way which allow a private driveway to cross drainage ditches along a town road.

- 2) **The Underhill Selectboard shall not accept financial responsibility for the maintenance of private roads outside of the public right of way.** If the Selectboard deems the establishment of a new public road to be in the best interest of the Town it should take the steps necessary to create a public road which can be used by all tax payers equally. Under no circumstances should maintaining a private road divert town resources from the maintenance of public roads.

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