

Town of Sutton  
ATV/UTV Committee Meeting  
February 27, 2019

Attendance: Clint Gray, Mark Hall, Paul Brouha, Shawn Waldron, Adam Carleton, Jeannie Powers, Danielle Fortin, Cheryl Garcia, Garrett Keizer, Jim Masure, Carol Brouha, Maurice Guertin, Tom Featheringham

Clint opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

**Agenda Modifications:**

Paul would like the word “suggestions” changed to recommendations on the agenda, line 10. Clint said we are making suggestions and then we will give our recommendations to the Select Board.

**Approval of minutes:**

Paul moves to accept minutes as printed. Mark seconded. Motion moved.

Discussion: Tom wants to know if VASA saying they are “footing bills” is it all bills? The group said yes as long as it is on their trails.

Adam mentioned that Danny told Glen Stine that they would put people where the problem is.

**Discussion:**

Read and discussed Paul and Clint’s proposed sample ordinances.

Discussion between members for penalties

Penalties:	1 <sup>st</sup> offense-	\$100.00	waiver-	\$ 75.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense-	\$150.00	waiver-	\$120.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense-	\$200.00	waiver-	\$150.00

These are some of the groups proposed fees. We will discuss this more as we get further into writing the ordinance.

**Old Business:**

No old business was discussed.

**New Business:**

No new business to discuss.

**Public Comment:**

Jim- How long has the Goldmine Road been open to ATV’s? Clint- 2014

Jim- When Danny was talking, he was wondering instead of going around to Goldmine Road, why not go through the State lands? Clint- it would be illegal because it is State lands.

Jim- Sheffield Road, Blake Pond Road, go up Mtn, go left, and then get on to powerline. Is this why they come back to cemetery? Shawn, not sure if someone gave permission for people to ride there. Mark- can’t go up to powerline because of wind towers Clint said that is all in the town of Sheffield.

Tom- Is it the vehicle or the licensed operator who pays the fine? Clint- operator gets the fine unless it’s a minor then the parent or adult supervisor will get fine for permitting (violation).

Tom- Pent Road situation, there was a statement from the Select Board that, Select Board or abutter can’t maintain road, Select Board gave permission at one time. As far as making a trail, we should make sure we have town permission before cutting or clearing anything. (This needs to be addressed to the Town of Sutton Select Board for clarification)

Garrett- Wants to understand, we are revising ordinance that is already in effect? We have not talk about opening any other roads tonight. Next week we will discuss more roads?  
Clint- next week will look at potential roads to suggest to the Select Board.

Garrett- Craig Pond Rd has been mentioned a lot- wants to express concerns- factors about persons may not knowing the road.

1<sup>st</sup>, entrance onto King George Road is dangerous, blind on both sides of the 3-way because of the terrain.

2<sup>nd</sup>, you go down that Road, you will be going right through a business (farm with livestock), a repair shop and his house. For Joey, this may put him in an awkward position being the tax payer; homeowner and Select Board member.

3<sup>rd</sup>, when they are manuring the fields, there is a lot of manure on the roads and when it rains, it makes it extra slick.

4<sup>th</sup>, and most important and the biggest concern, a young boy lives at the house and walks up and down the road from house to barn. Clint- we are looking for less intrusive and safe places for ATV's to get around. We all appreciated Garrett's thoughts and concerns for others. Clint- we are looking for alternative ways around these places that would avoid houses, like in the woods. Garrett is not dead set against ATV's, he waves at the ones who drive by his house and they wave to him. They are respectful. Doesn't want them on his land though.

Tom-comment: The King George Road along the Sheffield/Sutton town line was impassable. (Private road improved) When King George farm and properties were purchased the road was improved to a town highway. The original impassable road traversed the Sutton/Sheffield town line with portions in both towns. After the highway was improved, the map of the original road and the updated highway don't match.

Shawn- We want community input, so we don't get into legal issues. "Please help this committee with trail ideas so we can bypass potential legal issues."

**Correspondence:**

Garrett Keizer emailed all members of the committee with his and his wife's feelings on ATV's and attached a letter that they had written to the Select Board in July 2018.

Tom Featheringham wrote a letter for the committee to read over.

Cheryl Garcia also sent an e-mail to all committee members that we need to read over.

**Next meeting, March 6<sup>th</sup>.** Consolidate the information from the two draft Ordinances and reduce to a workable draft copy.

This year will be the current trails already opened the Selectmen and a map of the current trails.

Discuss future locations and proposed trails as the committee goes forward and look at tentative maps.

**Adjournment:**

Shawn made a motion to adjourn. Adam seconded this motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Meeting minutes by  
Danielle Fortin