

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

Attendance: Clint Gray, Danielle Fortin, Jeannie Powers, Adam Carleton, Mark Hall, Tom Featheringham, Maurice Geurtin, Brandon Mazur, Garrett and Kathy Keizer, Cheryl Garcia

Clint opened the meeting at 603 PM.

Agenda Modifications

None

Approval of Minutes

Clint would like an addition stating that the red-highlighted notes from last meeting denotes Tom Featheringham's changes to the minutes. Mark moved to accept minutes with this change. Adam seconded. Motion passed by all.

Old Business

Complaint Form:

Was handed out. Committee likes it. This will be handed out to the Select Board to approve or make changes to.

Tom pointed out that the ordinance mentions snowmobiles and the complaint form doesn't. Clint said the reason is we are here to discuss ATV's. They have different trails and some different laws. The Select Board can form a snowmobile group. Clint wants it in the Select Board meeting minutes that Snowmobile and ATV's be separated.

Review of final ATV/UTV Ordinance draft: This was handed out. Map attached in back.

Future Trail ideas:

Bob Tanner on Fiddlehead Lane told Mark that since Hurricane Irene, they can't ride their horses anymore due to a ravine developed from high water washing the ground away causing the deep ravine.

By Max's there could be potential for a trail, up to Bob Tanner's, though Seymours', over to Simpson's and across Station Rd.

Sugar woods behind Joey Solinsky's could be a temporary trail.

Crossing down by Mark Hall's could bring a trail down to North Ridge Rd. If you go to the end of North Ridge Rd. by Jen McCormack's house, there are remnants of an old trail.

Union House Rd, left to King George, would go around Brouha's property, bring you down to Morey Road.

Garrett reminds the group that he isn't against ATV's but isn't going to be ok with a trail because it doesn't disturb him or his peace but could possibly disturb somebody else.

The committee will work with landowners and hopefully landowners will work with each other throughout the season. Things may change yearly with the way the landowner feels about the trail season or riders so we want to make sure we ask for permission each year.

Having a good Town of Sutton ATV Committee and riders, and good landowner relationships are very important.

Danny Hale would like to have Sutton residents who are VASA members join Sheffield's club, not start our own club.

Maps for submission with recommendations for the Select Board:

Danny Hale would like to see more roads open in our ordinance. Clint would like us to discuss all these options throughout this next year.

Bullet Points: Disussed:

Think about adding to bullet points, (if they use our draft ordinance) asking the Board to send the ordinance to town attorney to review.

New Business

Discussion:

Brandon would like to see some money from registration to go to wildlife habitat or education, planting trees, and fixing disrupted land.

-Would like to ride mountain bike on our trails.

What would we like to see happen in the next year?

Trails- work on one section at a time.

Next meeting will be May 1, 2019 at 6 PM.

Motion made to adjourn by Mark. Seconded by Jeannie. Moved passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Minutes by
Danielle Fortin