

MINUTES
Williamstown ATV Trails Committee
Williamstown Public Safety Building, Williamstown, VT
October 22, 2019 – 6:30pm

1. Determination of quorum and open meeting.

The following committee were present: Beth Allen, Shaun Boyce, Rich Chalmers, Mike Martel, Travis Pierce, Gordon Pirie, Mike St Lawrence, and Rama Schneider. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. Agenda revisions.

Add item for non-meeting duties between review of committee adherence and future agenda items.

3. Consent agenda.

Approved without objection.

4. General public comments.

None.

5. Update on public information mailing.

The final mailer was submitted to the town manager for printing and mailing. There was discussion regarding final layout and whether or not the mailer had been proof read by anybody (yes). There was confusion as to whether or not the select board wanted to review the mailer before it got sent out, and Rich Chalmers and Rama Schneider will find out the actual status.

6. Discussion regarding public safety.

There was general discussion regarding the public safety issue, but due to not having a representative of the Orange County Sheriff's off office available it was decided to have this item repeat at the next meeting.

7. Discussion regarding financial support available through VASA and Billtown Wheelers Off-road Club.

Due to not having someone available from VASA it was decided to have this item repeat at the next meeting.

8. Discussion regarding property values as they relate to ATV use of town highways.

Due to not having someone available who has expertise in property values and what affects those values, it was decided to have this item repeat at the next meeting.

9. Begin discussion regarding final presentation contents including possible ordinance proposal.

The committee held a general discussion regarding an ordinance proposal to include the desirability of an such an ordinance and what should or shouldn't go in such an ordinance.

10. Review committee adherence to the "Williamstown ATV Trails Committee Guidelines" document.

The committee feels we are adhering to the guidelines. It was noted we have not addressed environmental impacts yet.

11. (Added under agenda revisions above) Non-meeting duties.

- Rich Chalmers: contact town manager regarding mailing.
- Rama Schneider: contact select board Chair regarding mailing.
- Travis Pierce: contact Orange Cty Sheriff's office with questions regarding public safety.
- The following committee members will contact the identified communities for further other community input: Mike Martel – Orange; Shaun Boyce – Northfield; Gordon Pirie – Fairlee; Rich Chalmers – Corinth; Travis Pierce – Hyde Park; Mike St Lawrence – Topsham; Beth Allen – Washington; Rama Schneider – Hardwick; Lloyd MacCormack – Danville.

12. Future agenda items.

- Public safety
- Financial support
- Property values
- Environmental impacts

13. Committee round table.

14. Adjournment.

Rama Schneider, Chair
Williamstown ATV Trails Committee