

The following are Williamstown ATV trails committee communications received by committee chair Rama Schneider via email from 10/28 through 10/31/19.

Hi Rama,

I'm writing in support of allowing ATVs on town roads. This is going to be a positive step for the town. In fact, I can see no reason we are still dragging our feet other than folks unnecessary fear of welcoming new recreation.

I've CC'd a friend from Roxbury whom I'm hoping will speak to his experience, and Jackie in hopes that she will forward to the select board for their reference. Jerry opposed the allowance of ATVs in his town and has an interesting perspective. Please see that his comment is included.

I would caution that with your email as the single interface between this committee and the community you may face questions about the transparency of the process. I've found it best to copy multiple folks when dealing with any board or committee to ensure there can be no confusion. It might do well to put together a group email to that end.

Best regards,

Mike Covey
Chelsea Rd.

Good Afternoon Rama,

My name is Chris Clow and my wife and I live pretty much on the other side of Williamstown (Barre Town side of Hebert Rd.) from where the trail system is proposed. I just wanted to write and give some input/questions since I had spent quite a few years in my 20s and 30s riding dirt bikes both in the woods and on tracks. It is a hobby I loved and miss and I think it's great that these trails could be open to riders. I had just a few comments:

- 1) Do you consider dirt bikes to be an ATV and will they be allowed on the trails? Several sources have different definitions of "ATV". Some consider an all terrain vehicle to have four or more tires while other consider a two wheel dirt bike to be an all terrain vehicle. I was just curious.
- 2) Will 2-stroke ATVs be allowed to ride the trails or do you have issues with those because of noise or pollution? I think we have pretty much evolved into a 4-stroke realm but there may be 2-strokes around. Again just curious if there will be a restriction on that.
- 3) The hours on your proposal go later into the night than I would have expected. Again, it's not an issue for me personally since I'm on the other side of things but ATVs are typically louder than your domestic vehicle (with the exception of some street motorcycles). I

wondered if that might cause a noise disturbance for parents putting children to bed at 8pm or later or quality of life for citizens living around the trails.

4) One thing I cannot recommend enough is the use of helmets when riding. I hope there can be something in the ordinance about this - especially since there is riding on Class 3 roads where the speeds can get faster. My philosophy is if you can afford an ATV - you can afford a helmet to go with it. I find it sad when individuals have been injured or killed when it could have been prevented with the use of a helmet.

Those are my comments. I wish the town the best of luck in this and I hope it works out!

Sincerely,
Chris Clow

I have been a resident of Williamstown for 54 years, I feel opening the trails up to ATV is in the best interest of Williamstown both for the economy and for the community. I think it will help bring extra revenue to help the town and Bring the community closer.

Sincerely Joel Carminati

Good morning,
I'm writing you about the ATV ordinance in Williamstown. As a resident, I wanted to express to you I am in favor of letting ATV's use the roads in our town.

Thank you,

Anthony Taylor
44 Pleasant Street
Williamstown, VT

Hello. Our name is Dawn and Wayne Blauth. We live at 161 Birchlane in Williamstown.

We are writing because we ARE in SUPPORT of the ATV trail proposal.

In addition, if our property needs to be used as part of the trail, we would be happy for support that.

Any questions, we can be reached at (609)273-7207

Dawn

I'm all for opening up the roads for ATV's! I think they should be open town wide.

(per email header) Nate Pike

I am in full support of the ATV TRAIL SYSTEM. I think it will be a great opportunity to generate more camaraderie amongst the residents. This is an activity that allows all ages to come together and share the experience all while adding a beneficial club to the area; who can work side by side with town officials to better understand their constituents. All types of these clubs exist and they all do great things. Williamstown is a great town but it is not a follower. So let's lead and let's do that by bringing great opportunity to our town. Your choice, but as of right now there has not been any legitimate opposition to the use of the roads in which all taxpayers pay for.

(per email header) Steve Duecy