

Approved Addendum to October 20, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes
Public Hearing was to seek input on the adoption of a new ordinance
Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles in the Town of Danville.

(The following are spoken comments from citizens who addressed the Selectboard)

- 1) **Craig Vance**: thanked Walt Smith, Ron Gauthier and Mary Currier for their time wasted during the mediation process; addressed fees, statutes, enforcement of tags, and commercial ventures. Also stated that two Selectboard members have clear conflict of interest and asked that they recuse themselves; if they don't he would ask the Selectboard to vote to have them; if that doesn't happen, then VASA would take legal action to see that they are not allowed to vote.
- 2) **Barb Fontaine**: asked if UTVs should also be included in the ATV ordinance.
- 3) **Josephine Guertin**: asked why the State should dump it on the town to enforce; also asked why snowmobiles weren't included in the ordinance; also asked how can one group of people dictate what the entire town does?
- 4) **Jenny Green**: sees children under age 12 racing up and down the road and wants that addressed; she now sees that it is included in the ordinance.
- 5) **Danny Hale**: explained that the one definition for ATVs is all inclusive (includes UTVs) and he is available to answer any questions people have tonight.
- 6) **Lyn Bixby**: owns an ATV, is a supporter of this ordinance and doesn't think it restricts town residents.
- 7) **Randy MacKay**: is a resident and asked if the corridor trail is going to restrict non-residents from parking at Marty's 1st Stop; asked that people have open minds and open dialogue and would like to see a few changes made.
- 8) **Lisa MacDowell**: believes the process has been one of a nature of compromise with a goal of trying to solve a problem and feels the two sides have worked out a compromise and that has happened through properly warned meetings.
- 9) **Robert Racine**: has lived in Danville 20 years; has two kids that have both taken ATV courses, and when he was stopped by sheriff, the sheriff told him he was all set.
- 10) **Jack Friedman**: has been a resident for two years on Oneida Road; has seen 12-13 ATVs traveling on Oneida Road going 25 MPH and no one was riding out of control or going fast; believes the ordinance looks more like an accommodation to non-ATV side rather than a compromise; stated that it can't supersede state statutes; believes problem is with people not the machines; he rides by horses and has never had a problem; this is not a gated community; wants to give more to responsible riders; have a better use of your energy.
- 11) **Stephen Bell**: said snowmobiles should have the same rules.

- 12) Hollis Prior:** spoke about Town Forests and the work he does in them and at Green Banks Hollow to pick up leaves; he just realized that he has been in violation of the ordinance by doing this.
- 13) Burt Frye:** is totally against the ordinance; asked how Town can put an ordinance into effect that dictates how we get to use Town Roads that taxpayers pay for; also asked if the Town is receiving money to maintain Class IV roads.
- 14) Peggy Cochran:** stated that she is not going to pay for a decal when she already pays taxes; she suggested getting more money for sheriff patrol; she disagreed with Section V (D) that states one-third of the people on a portion of a road can disqualify from usage that portion of the road.
- 15) Jeff Frampton:** said it has been a long process; it's about showing respect; nothing has changed for local users; people from out of town can't dictate to townspeople; it's about building relationships; get support before out-of-towners start using roads; the ordinance does not apply to snowmobiles – they are on private land.
- 16) Dave Izzo:** has a vacation house here; it's ridiculous that you can't cross from one road to another and go town to town. Find out more about the town before you move here and if you don't like it go back where you came from.
- 17) Vince Foy:** said it promotes ridership; a sticker is a good idea; corridor trail needs to rotate; locals maintain presents rights.
- 18) Walt Smith:** his worry is if it is closed off to a certain user group.
- 19) Bridget Ferrin-Smith:** moved to Danville (Trestle Road) and is an outdoor recreator; she saw 20-30 ATVs over the weekends while building her home and 40 ATVs on the last weekend in June; the corridor trail and noise are concerns; sounds like the ordinance is a compromise.
- 20) Craig Vance:** this whole thing started out as noise and numbers; agreements were made in the mediation that never showed up on this ordinance.
- 21) Unknown:** give ATVers a trail along the back 40 of your land where no one can hear them.
- 22) Jerry Rankin:** was unaware of the problem until the corridor trails were recommended; solutions are meant to preserve Vermont; not meant to impact farmers; noise is a big issue with convoys; don't let people who don't pay taxes regulate.
- 23) Tim Ide:** referred to Page 2, Section IV(B) and the conflict with Page 4, Violation #7 (Village Streets).
- 24) Jack Friedman:** the ordinance (as written now) means that residents who have family visit (from out of town) can't ride now; who is paying for the decal; we already pay too much; he supports rotating the corridor trail as it seems like a more reasonable approach.

- 25) Unknown:** resident on Winn High Drive can't take 20-30 ATVs if she is on the next corridor trail.
- 26) Unknown:** resident stated that it's better to ride an ATV than be smoking dope in St. Jay; the ordinance is over limiting; curfew is ridiculous; it's unfair to ask them to give up their recreation.
- 27) Unknown:** the corn maze – certain few of ATVers cause problem, not everyone.
- 28) Josephine Guertin:** the numbers are hugely inflated; on the 4th of July there was a total of 12 ATVs (Trestle Road).
- 29) Chris Wakefield:** ATVers congregate on the corner of Trestle Road (and Winn High); she has a problem with them gunning (their engines) by horses; she doesn't mind the noise as much as the speeding and the bad behavior; they swear and are rude.
- 30) Bob Briggs:** stated that he is in the road all the time and never sees ATVs; the only people raising hell are local people with no helmets; he asked where the money will come from for enforcement.
- 31) Craig Vance:** stated that there was a VAST counter on the corridor trail and one call from the Selectboard will get that number; he asked that the number be shared.
- 32) Unknown:** sees individual problems with each group; where's the compromise; will I be able to ride in six years?
- 33) Scott Palmer:** trail goes across his lawn yet his grass is still green; there are not that many ATVs.
- 34) Unknown:** has a family farm on Penny Lane that has ATV traffic.
- 35) Lisa Hantman:** asked why there is a need to put traffic on three trails instead of everyone going everywhere; and why weren't people notified about trails; why is there a need for corridors?
- 36) Danny Hale:** people are taking many liberties with facts; numbers have been recorded two years in a row; no organized event has ever had over 60 ATVs. The facts are not as they were before; need to revisit and the Selectboard needs to take ownership; it was quiet this year for a reason; VASA made an investment on infrastructure of the road to provide a recreational trail for all to use; should take time to work out a true compromise.

Respectfully Submitted,

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