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Town of Royalton, VT
ATV Ordinance Advisory Committee
5/25/2022 6:30 pm - Minutes - DRAFT
Virtual / In-person meeting

Committee Members: Sandy Conrad, Gidget Lyman, Tim Parker, Brad Sick, Dave Lewis, Peter Anderson, Ian Mackenzie

Public: Kathy Hassey, Jo Levasseur, Mike Hogan

Meeting convened at approximately 6:37pm

Approval of Agenda, with edit: strike “Approve” and insert “Discuss” (ordinance discussion).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Hassey commented to the effect that public policy should combat climate change, not encourage more use of fossil fuels.

DISCUSS ORDINANCE MODEL

It was discussed whether this was an appropriate time to select an ordinance to use as a framework, given that the committee is still collecting information. Members disagreed on this point, but all agreed that the June 30 deadline necessitated moving ahead.

To this end, Gidget moved that the committee adopt [Town of Newport ordinance # 120 \(amended, April, 2021\)](#) as a general model. Members discussed that the Newport ordinance serves as a starting point, and that sections may be amended or omitted as appropriate. Tim seconded the motion; it passed by voice vote.

DISCUSSION OF MAPS / AREAS OF INTEREST OF ROYALTON’S ROADS

The committee resumed discussing the routes proposed by the Cascadnac Valley Wheelers to the Selectboard in February, 2022. A member asked whether a true “limited approach” would focus on Royalton areas where private trails already exist, or where landowners had already verbally agreed to ATV access. This is the area surrounded by Gee Hill Road, Russ Road, and VT-14 (at Eaton’s). Mike Hogan objected to trail access from Russ Road. Ian assured Mike that this is not proposed.

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Limiting ordinance focus to Royalton/Barnard corridor

Several members indicated that, because the Cascadnac Valley Wheeler's stated goal was to connect Royalton to the VASA corridor via Barnard, this should be ATV Committee's goal.

Royalton routes to Barnard Roads

A member asked how any roads in Area #1 would connect riders to Barnard, given that Barnard's approved roads are in southwest Barnard, not northwest Barnard.

Ian explained that he and Tim Parker (co-trailmaster for CVW) had met with the Barnard Selectboard about applying for ATV/UTV access.¹ He referenced a possible route connecting Rousseau Road to Barnard:

Rhoades Hill Road
Route 12
Masterson Road
Mt. Hunger Road

Alternative Royalton Routes

It was agreed that the committee is not bound by the routes proposed by CVW. Currently, its Area #1 proposal is:

Trailhead at Lyman's Garage on Route 14
Private land access to Bridge Road
Cross river at Bridge Road
Royalton Hill Road
Sewall Brook Road
Watusi trail
Sewall Brook
North Road
Rousseau Road

The committee agreed to consider alternative routes, including Davis Road and Johnson Hill Road.

OTHER BUSINESS

ATV Survey - The committee agreed by consent to the content of the ATV survey as proposed by Ian, with previously proposed changes. There was brief discussion about whether Google Forms allowed administrators enough safeguards; it was agreed this required additional research.

Approval of Minutes (May 11, 18) – The committee deferred approval until the June 1 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

¹ The Barnard Selectboard October 20, 2021 meeting minutes are [available here](#).