

OHRV Committee Meeting Minutes July 11th, 2022, 5:30pm
Henniker Community Building

- Members Present:
 - Chairman Jim Morse, Scott Dias, Robert Pagano, Beth Patenaude, Lori Hubbard, Kathy Anderson, Kris Blomback
- Members Absent:
 - Chief Matt French, Leo Aucoin, Paul Sheppard, Ross Bennett
- Recording Secretary:
 - Kathy Anderson
- Guests:
 - Kenneth Carr (136 Ray Rd), Joan O'Connor (7 Echo Lane), Mark Lucard (233 Ray Rd), Ellen Chase-Lucard (233 Ray Rd), Tony Caplan (810 Ray Rd), Carly Marquis Henson (226 Ray Rd), Elizabeth Butters (1456 Dodge Hill Rd), Arty Mallett (1456 Dodge Hill Rd)
- Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Chairman Morse
- Purpose of meeting is to give direction to the Selectmen on the request to open Ray Road
- Comments from Chairman Morse, on behalf of absent members
 - Chief Matt French – does not support allowing access at this time, as this is an area of concern that is being monitored. There is trailhead parking minutes away.
 - Leo Aucoin and Paul Sheppard – do not support allowing access at this time
- Public Comment:
 - Mark Lucard – against allowing access; he is in agreement with Chief French
 - Ken Carr – against allowing access; he is an ATV owner, and feels it's unsafe to open the road due to bicyclists, walkers, and cars who frequently speed
 - Carly Marquis Henson – against allowing access; many children in the area and would make it too noisy
 - Tony Caplan – against allowing access
 - Joan O'Connor – against allowing access; she lives at the intersection and said it gets congested, and ATV's would add to this
 - Arty Mallett – against allowing access; noted 14 days should be given for meetings
 - Ellen Chase-Lucard – against allowing access; asked who provides the guidelines for parameters to open roads for ATV's; Chairman Morse explained this committee is the intermediary to the Select Board. The committee works with the CVATVR club and provides guidance to the Select Board.
- Chairman Morse reviewed options:
 1. Private permission on case basis with permission from OHRV Committee with a special sticker needed to ride on the road. This process would need to follow town policy of procedure.
 2. Open road in both directions
 3. Open road to the south to Doge Hill Rd, then to Hemlock Corner Loop
 4. No access at this time
- Chairman Morse asked each committee member their stance:
 - Scott Dias – against allowing access; might consider on an individual basis for residents under specific circumstances
 - Robert Pagano – against allowing access
 - Kris Blomback – against allowing access; Dodge Hill is busy enough; Kris explained he is on the committee as a Select Board Representative, and is not speaking for the Select Board.

- Kathy Anderson – against allowing access; agrees with Scott Dias’s comments
- Lori Hubbard – against allowing access; we have a hot spot in this area that we are working hard to get under control.
- Beth Patenaude – against allowing access; agrees with comments from other committee members
- It was unanimous the committee is against allowing access at this time
- Public Comment:
 - Elizabeth Butters – Dodge Hill Road is like a washboard and dusty; it’s better than last year but hopes the Town will assess the road. Commented that residents/abutters need a 14-day notice in advance, via certified mail regarding meetings.
 - Joan O’Connor – this is not a hardship for Rock n’ Birch
- Scott Dias motion to adjourn, Beth Patenaude seconded, motion passed (7-0-0)