

Final



**Town of Henniker
OHRV Meeting
16th day, July, 2018
Henniker Town Hall**

Members Present: Beth Patenaude, Chief Jim Morse, Bob Garrison, Paul Sheppard, Chief Matt French, Leo Aucoin

Members Excused: Andrew Major, Kris Blomback, Ross Bennett, Scott Dias, and Stephanie Payeur

Recording Secretary: Colleen Gagnon

Guests: Keith DeMoura

Call to Order: Chief Jim Morse called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

1) Approval of minutes

Chief Jim Morse made a motion to review meeting minutes from 2-26-2018 meeting. Beth Patenaude discussed the wording of the document regarding the dates and times of operation. It was suggested to close the trails on November 4th. Beth stated that the ordinance states the trails close on November 4th and that date can not be changed. The committee agreed there is no problem with the wording of the minutes. Beth Patenaude wanted all to be aware that the end date of operations is determined by the ordinance and is November 4th. On last page of the minutes the sentence- "Chair Morse states that Bremer has been working on a trail from Marsh Road to the Country Spirit" Board agreed that Marsh Rd should be changed to Rush Rd.

Chief Jim Morse made a motion to have the minutes accepted with the one change (Marsh to Rush), Motion passed 4-0 Beth Patenaude and Leo Aucoin recused themselves as not present at the last meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

2) Safety

Police (grant and aid)

Chief Matt French ran the data this morning. He stated there has been an increase this year from last year but he cautioned that this is not alarming as it is due to increased user activity level and increased police activity level. Overall there were 19 OHRV contacts. Some of the contacts were stops and some were complaints. Chief French stated he could go through the contacts quickly, he did not have all the numbers of the ATVs that have been stopped as some were reported through Fish and Game. French did get notification from Fish and Game that Henniker was approved for another round of grants for '18-'19 and the increased amount is \$2700 as compared to last years \$1080. Police have put out 4 or 5 details designated on the ATV. The ATV details are filled with police. Chief Morse asked for the details of the complaints. Beth Patenaude also stated interest in the details of the complaints.

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13 Complaints of ATV traffic were called in. Clarification was stated that these were strictly complaints made.

The complaints were on the following roads:

- Weare Rd at Transfer station early in the Spring and a summons was given
- Ray Rd -3 complaints-summons was given and the person stopped
- Colleague Pond Rd
- Craney Hill
- Shore Drive – 2 complaints of a young child riding around the neighborhood
- Mount Hunger
- Dodge Hill
- Browns Way
- Old Hillsboro Road

Stops

Western Ave- Stopped for having an unregistered ATV

Dates Times Sunrise to Sunset ATV traffic

Chief Jim Morse stated that he felt things had been pretty good with no complaints. Beth Patenaude clarified that the sunrise to sunset does not apply to a UTV with road package. They can ride like a car and anything under 40 miles an hour is acceptable. Chief Morse agreed that that is correct as long as they comply with the road package and are properly registered.

Residents Concerns

Chief Morse asked if there are any other residents concerns other than the ones tied to the ATV which burned in front of the Pharmacy. Chief Matt French stated that there was a complaint on Browns Way in early May.

Keith DeMoura asked clarification about when the trails are open. Chief Morse confirmed the trails are open after dark as are the road crossings for the trails. Beth Patenaude clarified that class 5 roads are closed at sunset and class 6 roads are open and are part of the trails.

3) Economic Dev

Chief Morse stated that the Mobil Station, Western Ave, Harvester Market, a few businesses downtown and the Pancake House are getting business. Also stated that Hillsborough has seen business on their end as a result of the trails.

4) Roads

Liberty Hill- no complaints at this time

Beth Patenaude stated she had a friend on a UTV with his grandson on Liberty Hill who was stopped by Fish and Game. There was clarity given to Fish and Game, through a conversation with Chief Morse, that Liberty Hill is only open to Henniker Residence and a Henniker resident on a UTV may ride on Liberty Hill after dark. Bob Garrison stated that it is illegal for the public road to only be open to residents. This has been addressed with the selectman.

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Chief Morse asked if any other roads that there are concerns about. Leo Aucoin stated Dodge Hill, Hemlock Corner and Colleague Pond Road are dry and very dusty. Chief Morse asked if there is anything thing he can do to help. Leo Aucoin stated he is putting out calcium and water but the roads are taking a beating and need a good rain. A resident asked if the trail could be rerouted to Cross Road to avoid Colleague Pond Road. Committee determined that rerouting the trail would not make any difference. Road Agent is trying to keep a calcium regiment. 3 tons done last Thursday and another ton today. Colby Hill Road and Liberty Hill were grated. Dodge and Hemlock Corner are the worst. Chief Morse stated he felt Leo Aucoin is doing a good job on the roads. Aucoin asked if there is a state grant money to obtain reimbursement for calcium. A bag (1 ton) of calcium costs about \$425/\$450. Chief Morse stated he is looking for a grant writer for the club and he will look into getting reimbursement for dust control. Leo Aucoin stated that some foliage was trimmed back on Western Ave and another guard rail was placed there.

Parking

Chief Morse stated there is a new lot on one of the class 5 roads. Chief Morse asked if there was any trouble with random parking. Chief Matt French said from time to time but the police explain where parking is and isn't allowed and anyone with concerns are sent to Chief Jim Morse.

Signs

Chief Morse asked if there are any need for signs. Paul Sheppard asked that another triangle be placed next to Al's driveway on Davidson Road and then another green dot to confirm the driver is still on the trail after driver comes out from behind the Mobil Station.

5) Conditions

Chief Morse felt the concerns regarding conditions have been covered by Leo Aucoin. The dust concern has been discussed. It was discussed that another load of calcium could be helpful on Cross Road. Chief Morse asked if there has been any noise complaints. Chief Matt French stated there was just one on private property.

Public Comment

There was no further public comment.

6) Motion for Adjournment

Bob Garrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Sheppard seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0