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**Town of Henniker  
OHRV Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022  
Henniker Community Center**

**Members Present:** Jim Morse, Ross Bennett, Kris Blomback, Matt French, Bob Pagano, Kathy Anderson, Paul Sheppard, Lori Hubbard.

**Members Absent:** Scott Dias, Beth Patenaude

**Public Present:** Robin Turilli, Chris Williams, Joan O'Connor, Grace Cohen, Keith Demoura, Nancy Demoura, Greg marsh, Burns Bradford, Christopher Woodbury, Diane Kendall (Town Administrator), Dedon(sp?) Matheson, Cathy Doherty.

**Recording Secretary:** Ross Bennett

- Call to order/Attendance
- Public Comment -
  - Grace Cohen spoke and relayed messages from residents in the neighborhood of Dodge Hill Road and Hemlock Corner Loop. Grace indicated that the neighborhood had noticed an improvement in OHRV impacts due to the 10 mph speed limit and enforcement by Henniker Police and NH Fish and Game. Grace thanked the club, the committee, and Chief French for their efforts.
  - Matt French indicated that
  - Chris Williams spoke as a resident of Rock and Birch campground. Chris indicated that previously he'd lived at French Pond campground and had direct access from that campground to the trails. He is interested in establishing similar access to Rock and Birch campground to avoid trailering their OHRVs to get to the trail system. Chris indicated that he'd contacted the club and others but hadn't received a response. He indicated that there were 15 or 18 riders from Rock and Birch who were interested. Chris indicated that the riders are willing to spend money in the local community, but if they need to trailer, they're likely to go somewhere else. Jim Morse indicated that the next step would be for someone to bring the request to the Selectmen.
- Approval of Minutes - Paul moved, Kathy seconded to approve the October 2021 Meeting minutes, subject to the edits from Beth Patenaude's email to the committee. (6-0-2, Pagano, Hubbard abstained).
- Safety
  - Matt French presented on statistics –
    - There have been 9 complaints to date in 2022, 4 of which were before the trails opened for the season.
    - For pre-season complaints: 2 were on Dodge Hill Rd, one on Brown's way, one on Tanglewood.
    - After May 23, the complaints were from Craney Hill Rd, Highland Drive (2), Gulf Road, and Hillside Drive.

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- There have been 3 stops in 2022: Old West Hopkinton, Patterson Hill Road, and Main Street.
- Matt noted that staffing was down in the department and they would be mostly on single coverage, so be patient with regard to response times.
- Matt indicated the PD had applied for the next round of OHRV enforcement grants, which will be down to \$2500 from \$2600 previously.
  - Paul observed that the bulk of the complaints came from roads not trails.
- Roads/signs:
  - Jim Morse indicated he'd spoken with Road Agent Leo Aucoin and Leo requested signs for to keep of the shoulder of recently paved Davidson Road.
- Second Public Comment – No comments
- Ross Bennett asked about Pats Peak Parking being open again to OHRV parking. Kris Blomback indicated that the policy hasn't changed since 2020. Pats Peak OHRV parking is by permit only, only on weekdays. OHRV riders can park there but aren't allowed on Pats Peak property (slopes or access roads) and need to ride somewhere else. Kris indicated they didn't want weekend parking because it wasn't compatible with their wedding business. Ross asked if that was because of the noise, and Chris indicated that the access road was very close to their wedding locations.
- Next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2022 at 6pm.
- Bob Pagano motion to adjourn, Lori Hubbard seconded, motion passed (8-0-0).