

Public Hearing
February 28, 2007
Local Law #1 For the Year 2007 Permitting
And Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operation
On Certain Parishville Town Roads

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Votra, Councilman Cook, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: (see attached sign in sheets)

Town Clerk Maguire read the Legal Notice that appeared in the local paper and were posted in locations in the town advertising the meeting date and time.

Alex McKinnon, a member of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators and a member of the St. Lawrence County Public and Private Land Advisory Board spoke in favor of adopting the local law. He indicated the pilot trail system is completely developed and local law has opened the necessary county property and county roads to facilitate this project. The list of submitted town roads and town owned parcels are what are needed to complete the pilot trail system. A completed SEQR has been submitted also for the portion of Parishville roads and property that are relative to the pilot trail system.

Heather Condon addressed the board and asked about a possible curfew time to cut down on the late night riding which is disturbing to her and her neighbors. She also complained about the few kids in town who do not abide by the rules when they are riding through town.

Councilwoman Tremper responded that the proposed hours of operation provided for no travel on the trails from 12 AM to 6 AM.

David Irish from the ATV club said that with opening these certain roads it should lessen the traffic on unauthorized roads and law enforcement will be able to better police the town knowing which roads are legal to ride on.

Art Wilson spoke in favor of opening the roads for ATV use and commented that he thought the proposed curfew hours were fair. He also feels that ATV travel will be much safer with a legal trail to ride rather than riders trying to get from point A to point B without getting caught.

Ann Silver, owner of the Silver Café in Parishville spoke in favor of the proposed law. This would bring more traffic into town, which would help her business.

Tim Taillon from the St. Lawrence County ATV Association spoke in favor of opening the proposed roads for travel. He also reported that the local ATV club not only helps fix the local trails, they also donate to a lot of local organizations. He also has a letter from Dierdre Scozzafava, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and 25 to 30 individual people in support of this proposed law.

Tom Ortmeier from the ATV Committee for the County and Public and Private Land Committee, submitted a letter to the board outlining a few questions he has about a few of the particular roads named in the proposed law. He said he would like everyone to work together and get the trail working without complaints.

Supervisor Moore assured the audience that this is the first step and nothing will be done spur of the moment. He would like to hear from all sides before a decision is made.

Laurena Will voiced her concern about the late night hours and the drunk driving that sometimes occurs. She stated she was neither for or against the proposed law because she doesn't know enough about the impact of it's passing.

John LaMay, President of the Tri-Town ATV Trail Riders, spoke in support of the opening of the proposed local roads. His club works closely with the Parishville ATV Club organizing rides and feels this would be good for the economy here in Parishville.

Don Wray spoke in favor of opening the proposed local roads and also feels it would have a positive economic impact on the town.

Mary Long from the Sunday Rock ATV Club in South Colton and also a member of the Parishville ATV Club spoke in favor of the opening of the proposed local roads for ATV's.

Judy Wendt, a member of the trails advisory committee for the legislature, spoke in favor of passing this proposed local law. She noted that there is already ATV use here within the Town. This local law would make it safe and legal and it would also accommodate the public as well as the riders. She said she is a 30 year resident of the Town of Parishville and is very proud that this town is taking the first step in leading the county townships in getting this project moving.

Tom Grow, a legislature in the Brasher Lawrence area spoke in favor of the opening of the proposed town roads for ATV travel. He feels this is the first step in tying all the communities together.

Reggie Ellis from the St. Lawrence County ATV Association spoke in favor of the passing of this proposed law. He gave some information about the safety patrol officers that are in the four area clubs.

Supervisor Moore thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that there would be another meeting next month.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

All in favor: