

Selectmen's Meeting  
July 3, 2009

Bruce Frazer & Bob Wormer  
Meeting started at 11:00 AM

The Selectmen received a petition to open Plains Road to the top of Hunt Mountain and the Coppermine Road from Plains Road to the Water Tank Road for the use of 4-wheelers.

The Selectmen met with Mark Ober from New Hampshire Fish & Game to talk about 4-wheelers using town roads. Bruce said that he had talked to the Administrative Assistant in Pittsburg as part of River Road in that town is open to ATV'S. She stated that the Police chief is working with the ATV Club to try and find other ways for them to get around without using public roads.

Mark said if the Town of Monroe opened up roads to 4-wheelers that we would have to put out signage for speed limits, beginning of where they can ride and trail ends signs.

Mark was told that people feel he is targeting Hunt Mountain. He said that he goes where he gets complaints from and that he is getting complaints from a Hunt Mountain land owner.

Mark suggested that we call the Bureau of Trails for help. They will tell us exactly what we need to have for signs and how to go about opening roads if the Selectmen vote to do so.

We asked about the age limits for riding on public road. Mark stated that under the age of 12 they can ride on a public roadway with an adult but the adult has to drive the vehicle across the road for them, and they cannot have any passengers. 12 and 13 year olds have to be accompanied by an adult but can cross public roadways. They have to have a Safety Certificate and no passengers allowed. 14 to 17 years old need a Safety Certificate or Drivers License. They do not have to be with an adult and can carry no passengers. If you lose your license for any reason you also lose your rights to drive an ATV.

One suggestion that Mark made was opening all town roads with a certain speed limit and need to abide by all rules. This was a way for the town to possibly not have to buy signs, after discussing it they decided that signs would still be necessary.

Mark suggested calling the Bureau of Trails and talking to them about signage and implantation of highway operation of 4-wheelers.

The cost of registering a 4-wheeler is going up 33% next year.

Mark said he will come to a meeting with the Town and suggested that we have State Police there also to answer questions.