

In Attendance

<i>NAME</i>	<i>REPRESENTING</i>
Gail Hanson, Chair	Governor and Executive Council
Harry Brown	Governor and Executive Council
Darrin Jock	Town of Pittsburg
Toby Owen	Town of Pittsburg
Hasen Burns	Town of Stewartstown
Ray DeMaio	Town of Clarksville
Ray Gorman	Coos County Commissioners
Charlie Levesque	Senate/Forest Ecology
Eric Stohl	House/Monitor Conservation Easements
Gene Chandler	House/Forestry & Timber Harvesting
Scott Mason	NH Fish and Game Department

Absent

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Pierre Bedard	Leaseholders Association
Donald Noyes	Senate/Recreation & Tourism
Robert Scott	DES
Shawn Hagan	Landowner
Sarah Stewart	DNCR (attended by Teams)

Gail opened the meeting at 6:07 asking the committee members to introduce themselves.

Gail gave overview of the Citizens Committee responsibilities and then asked Darrin Jock state the specific request by Great Northwoods ATV club.

Darrin Jock stated that the request is to open the CLH roads used by ATVs to Columbus Day.

The public was then offered the opportunity to make comments on why the ATV trails on the CLH property should remain open.

Committee Discussion:

Toby Owen expressed concern that ATV trails were fixed quicker than the rest of the trails on the CT Lakes property.

Eric Stohl: Reviewed hunting seasons opening during the proposed extension. When ATV accident occurs, a lot of time is taken away from them, taking them away from hunting season responsibilities. Asked why we need to be governed by other clubs. Opposed to extending season. The fish and game commission voted to oppose the extension of the ATV trails in Pittsburg.

Gene Chandler: Traditional uses were requested on the 171,000 acres in Pittsburg. Reviewed history of ATV trail requests to committee.

Charlie Levesque: Traditional use was the goal. Feels ATVs are not compatible for gravel roads, recommends moving ATVs into the woods. Does not support expansion unless we can move the trails off the gravel roads. Regarding the recreation and road management plans; previous discussions around expanding ATV trails on the property, no previous mention of extending season. If the short connector of 3 miles can assist this year and only this year, then he will support.

Darrin Jock commented the new owner of PSLT is interest in extending season due to supporting business.

Harry Brown: Public safety was main concern when Ride the Wilds was set up. Commented on portion of registration that goes to F&G. Enforcement has always been an issue with Ride the Wilds, commented that F&G is very busy. Commented on good job Sheriffs have done with enforcement. Commented on miles of road that are open to hunting that are not open to ATVs. Commented on the lack of industry (no more paper mills, logging). Recreation is where its at right now.

Hasen Burns supports what Harry stated.

Ray Gorman commented closing the trail will be more detrimental than leaving the connector open. Recognizes ATVs are important for economics. Need to work together to try to make the extension work. Once worked in a tourist business, the loss of a holiday weekend is detrimental to business.

Harry Brown asked Clint Savage what the trail count is on Cedar stream road, Clint responded that this is the first year that ATVs are being counted and does not know yet.

Harry Brown motions that the trail section on the CLH property be open until Columbus Day weekend moving forward.

Seconded by Darrin Jock.

Moved to discussion. Harry Brown states property is special, and that there was no plan of expansion of ATV trails across the property. States that this is as far as the request will go.

The vote was 3 in favor, 6 against with 2 abstentions.

Gail closed the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Alexa Kosalek, Forest and Lands