

POLICY ON ATV USE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

Town of Granville, Vermont

Adopted May 4, 2009

SECTION 1: Authority:

Under authority granted in 23 V.S.A. Chapter 31, the Granville Selectboard adopts this Policy to regulate the time, manner, and location of ATV use on Class 2 and 3 Town Highways.

SECTION 2: Purpose:

The Lost Nation ATV Club of Granville petitioned the Granville Selectboard to make certain Class 2 and Class 3 Town Highways open to use by ATV's for purposes of recreation, access to those Class 4 Highways which are already open to ATV use, and ease of access by landowners for management and maintenance of their properties adjacent to these highways.

SECTION 3: Trial Period:

This policy will be adopted as a Trial Period in 2009. The policy may be amended at any time. Following the 2009 season, after consultation with the Granville ATV Club and public comment, the selectboard may continue, alter or revoke this policy.

SECTION 4: Designated Highways Open to ATV Use Under This Policy:

- A. Proposed, please see map for reference.
- B. .5 miles from the N. end of N. Hollow Rd. TH3 to the intersection of Buffalo Farm Rd. and Town Line Rd TH20.
- C. Buffalo Farm Rd. to the intersection of N. Hollow Rd.
- D. Town Line Rd. TH20 to the intersection of Old Stage Rd. TH19.
- E. Old Stage Rd. TH19.
- F. Genes Rd. TH 24.
- G. Kennedy Rd. TH 16 to the intersection with the new bridge crossing the brook, several hundred yards before the sign saying "Walts."
- H. Braintree Gap TH10 to Granville Town Line.
- I. TH 9.
- J. Maston Hill TH 5.
- K. Post Office Hill TH 2.
- L. West Hill Rd. TH4/TH 13 to the beginning of the NFH.

- M. West Hill Extension, TH 12, to slightly before the intersection with NFH 50.
- N. Rob Ford Rd. TH 11.

SECTION 5: Specific Provisions for ATV Use:

- A. ATV Operators and equipment must comply with all Vermont statutes governing use of ATV's and with all VASA (Vermont All Terrain Vehicle Sportsmen's Association) requirements and Code of Ethics.
- B. For the purpose of this policy, an ATV on a public highway shall be considered a motor vehicle, as defined in section 4 of Title 23 of the Vermont Statutes.
- C. Valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the United States of America.
- D. Designated Class 4 town highways and designated trails will be open to ATV use from May 15 to December 14, and from 1 hour before sunrise and until 1 hour past sunset.
- E. Designated Class 2 and 3 town highways will be open to ATV use year round, and from 1 hour before sunrise and until 1 hour past sunset.
- F. Posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour will be observed.
- G. ATV's used for agriculture, forestry, or snow removal, will display a "Slow Moving Vehicle" sign.
- H. ATV's will yield Right of Way to horses, pulling over to the side of the roadway and shutting off the engine.

SECTION 6: Responsibilities of Lost Nation ATV Club:

- A. Act as primary liaison with Granville Selectboard concerning ATV use.
- B. Club Officers will meet with selectboard once each year to discuss highways to be opened for the coming season and for other matters.
- C. Provide and post legal signs on designated highways and trails.
- D. Furnish maps of designated highways for distribution by the Club and the Town Clerk to ATV users and the public.
- E. Monitor ATV use and compliance on designated highways, and cooperate with the Town Constable, Vermont Game Wardens, the Vermont State Police, and the United States Forest Service in enforcement of Vermont State Statutes and this Granville ATV Use Policy.
- F. A list of resident ATV operators who are willing to volunteer to provide assistance during emergencies or natural disasters will be submitted to the Granville Fire Department and Town Officials.
- G. Any resident of Granville who has a problem to report can contact Mike Eramo at 802.767.3569, or 802.363.0936.

SECTION 7: Penalties:

- A. The Granville Constable shall issue fines as appropriate for violations of the Granville Speed Ordinance and for violations of Vermont Law governing motor vehicles and moving violations.

**SECTION 8: Other Selected Vermont Statute requirements for ATV
Operation and Use:**

- A. Valid state registration and number plate.
- B. Proof of current liability insurance policy.
- C. One or more headlights and red brake light.
- D. Headlight must be on during operation.
- E. A muffler system to comply with noise limits (82 decibels at 50 feet) as set forth in 23 V.S.A Chapter 3505(b).
- F. Safety helmets.
- G. Travel single file on right side of the highway.
- H. Use turn lights or hand signals when making turns or stopping

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