

Stratford OHRV Citizens Committee (SOCC)

Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2020, 6:30pm to 8:05pm

Location: Virtual – Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Troy Burns, Molly Carr, Bill Noons, Jamie Sayen, Maryanne St. Jean

Topics Discussed

- A. Meeting Date and Time: The Committee agreed that Monday meetings beginning at 6:30pm would work best. Facemasks and social distancing will be observed
- B. Frequency of meetings: It was discussed and agreed to hold a meeting in two weeks. Meetings will occur once a month or more as needed. Meetings to be held in person or remotely through Zoom or Google meeting.
 - a. In person meetings to be held at Fuller Town Hall
 - i. COVID guidelines to be followed – Face masks and social distancing
 - ii. Confirmed with Town Office – November 10, 2020
- C. Public Engagement: It was discussed that it is important for Stratford citizens to be informed and invited to participate in the Committee conversations.
 - a. Notice of meetings and meeting minutes to be posted on Town website, Town Facebook, and SOCC email distribution list
 - b. Public meetings to be held at Fuller Town Hall
 - i. COVID guidelines to be followed- Face masks and social distancing at Public Meetings
 - ii. Exploring options for live streaming of the public meetings
- D. Committee Name: The Stratford OHRV Citizens Committee (SOCC) is the agreed-on name.
 - a. Gmail Account Created and Email address is:
stratfordohrvcitizenscommittee@gmail.com
- E. Purpose of the Stratford OHRV Citizens Committee was discussed.
 - a. The Select Board agreed to the forming of a Citizens Committee after the October 7, 2020 public hearing on OHRVs on Stratford town roads. Several speakers during this meeting urged the community to work together to address OHRV-related issues, including: OHRVs on town roads; enforcement and safety; the local economy; and improved communication regarding our challenges and opportunities for the future.
 - b. To be a conduit to better communication and greater understanding
 - c. Include all community members to have a broader conversation in a productive manner
 - d. Provide a balance of an ATV culture with sustainable economic diversity and enhancements for Stratford
 - e. Overall welfare of Stratford natural bounty

- f. A greater sense of community, working together towards solutions to problems
 - g. Gather information, research, data in offering solutions in a proposal(s) for consideration of the Select Board
 - h. The Select Board is the decision and policy maker
- F. Informing the Public of the SOCC:
- a. Connect with the Town Office about posting on the Town Website and Facebook Page
 - i. Completed 11/10
 - b. Create an email account (stratfordohrvcitizenscommittee@gmail.com)
 - i. Completed 11/10
 - c. Create email distribution list (Maryanne)
 - d. Post on Town hall bulletin board
 - e. Place an ad in the local newspaper was discussed and dismissed due to cost
 - f. Write a letter to the editor (Jamie)
- G. OHRV on Town Roads:
- a. Law Enforcement
 - i. New Hampshire Fish & Game and State Police OHRV Enforcement
 - 1. Connect with Scott Mason (Bill Noons)
 - a. Gather information and obtain documentation for Select Board establishing enforcement guidelines for OHRVs on the Town Roads.
 - b. Revenue for Town if tickets are written?
 - 2. Connect with State Police (Bill Noons)
 - a. Gather information and obtain documentation for Select Board establishing enforcement guidelines for OHRVs on the Town Roads.
 - b. Revenue for Town if tickets are written?
 - ii. Idea of parking cruiser to provide a law enforcement presence was discussed. Unsure if this is an option due to an increase in liability.
 - iii. Discussed locating and connecting with another small towns to learn how they are providing affordable effective law enforcement.
- H. Next Meeting:
- a. The Committee agreed on a public meeting for Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Fuller Town Hall beginning at 6:30pm
 - i. COVID guidelines to be followed
 - ii. Confirmed 11/12 -- Public Meeting to be rescheduled