



**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO, WI
ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING 02/23/2010**

The Town of Spider Lake Road Committee meeting was called to order on 2/23/2010 at 9:00 AM. By Committee Chairman McGuiness. Present were Mc Guinness, Huckler, and Clerk Guyer and also present were Sue Miller (DNR Warden), Rick Peterson (Sawyer County Trail Coordinator), Don Mrotek, Butch Meyer, Dennis Diem and Gary McCracken.

The Committee discussed Road Equipment Status with the road workers. A meeting will be scheduled in June to discuss equipment.

The Snowmobile Ordinance allows certain roads to be used. Warden Miller explained that trail signs were placed on roads not covered by the Snowmobile Ordinance. Possible trails were discussed including 203, 204, 206, & 622. The DNR took down signs that had been placed on roads that were not designated trails. Brandt arrived at the meeting.

Warden Miller also presented a proposed ATV trail route that would minimize use of town roads but could connect Clam Lake with existing trails west of the Town. She expressed concern about use of town roads and pointed out that use of town roads would likely eliminate the opportunity to get grants to create a sustainable trail. Peterson confirmed this. She presented a possible alternative route using a number of existing logging roads in the national forest and expressed a willingness to work with the Town, the Forest Service and other interested parties in exploring options for development of a sustainable ATV trail.

Motion was made by Huckler to recommend back to the Board that no action be taken to change the Snowmobile ordinance at this time, motion seconded by McGuiness. All in favor, motion passed.

Huckler moved the Town post the ATV and Snowmobile Ordinance on the Town Website and distribute copies to businesses that rent machines in the area. Motion seconded by McGuiness. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town did not receive the route information from Phil Rasmussen or the ATV club regarding the short connectors on Lake Helane and Fire Tower Road so action was deferred. Huckler requested that the information be provided a week before the Town Board meeting in March so it could be put on the agenda.

Discussion then moved to the question of possible use of portions of FR 203, 328 and 204 as an ATV route. It was discussed that if the Town drafted an amendment to change the ATV Ordinance with proposed routes, would the Town apply conditions to use?

After further discussion and comments from persons attending the meeting,

Huckler moved to defer action for a year to provide the opportunity to see if a sustainable trail could be established with the cooperation of the Forest Service, the DNR, the County and other interested parties. This could be put back on the agenda in a year or sooner if any progress is made or it is clear that the other options will not work. Motion seconded by McGuiness. Vote was two in favor, one opposed. Motion carried.

Three road projects were discussed for this year. Rock Lake has two more miles left to do, the Town may do one mile this year, Clear Lake Road which would require Spec's modified for Fair Wage and the stripping of approximately seven miles of Upper A. Decisions should be finalized in May or June. Committee set a meeting for May 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss. By then the Town should be able to assess how the winter affected the roads.

To clarify an earlier statement, it was noted that if the Board accepts the recommendations of the Road Committee on the ATV Ordinance (and the requisite information was provided), The Board could make the "technical" amendments regarding existing use on Lake Helane and Fire Tower roads but would not approve additional road use. No Public Hearing would be required.

Motion to adjourn was made by Huckler, 2nd by Brandt. All in favor, motion carried.

Ruth Guyer, Clerk