

Public Hearing, OHRV

August 4th, 2026

Windsor Town Hall

14 White Pond Road Windsor, NH 03244

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Attendance.

Board Of Selectmen Present: Chair; Darlene Cuddy, Gerald Needham, Rene Boyer

Stephanie Houle, Windsor Town Clerk

Riche Colcombe, State Representative

Frank Linnenbringer, District Engineer, State DOT

Public Attendance – See Attached

Call Meeting To Order.

Darlene Cuddy called meeting to order at 6:38pm, regarding Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) use on state, and town roads.

State Roads Portion.

Selectboard Gerald Needham proposed the OHRV connector route utilizing state roads of Windsor Road and Black Pond Road, Per HB113 (soon to be RSA 215-A:10, IV, (e) (effective August 3, 2026.))

Open for public comments and concerns.

Speaking in favor- Duane Kruder, Rickey Labink, Zack Plummer, Holly Mecheski, Debra Williams, Stephen Kane, Nancy Plummer

Speaking in opposition- Claire Pouliot

Some concerns arose such as enforcement of the rules/laws, signage, responsibility of road maintenance, and safety. It was noted that state rules such as speed limits and daylight operating hours would be in place. Riche Colcombe previously spoke to Hillsboro

Police Chief about any accidents, or calls to Windsor, etc. Ms. Colcombe mentioned the Chief said Windsor resident have been responsible and that he also agreed that it was safe and appropriate to open roads for OHRV use. Riche Colcombe informed the selectboard of available grants, and the Henniker OHRV Club to help with signage.

Frank Linnenbringer from State DOT spoke; The DOT will support the town of Windsor if the proposal is approved. Linnenbringer also noted Windsor was the only town outside of Coos County and Grafton County to be allowed to have OHRV use of state roads. Riche Colcombe stated Henniker has one route that is allowed also. For the state road approval is needed by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Safety for post signage.

Selectboard Darlene Cuddy closed the public speaking portion at 7:10 pm, Discussion ensued by all three selectboard members. Selectboard member Gerald Needham made the motion- "I move that, that the selectboard approves the proposed OHRV connector route utilizing Windsor Road and Black Pond Road as presented, and authorizes the submission of this approval to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails, and the New Hampshire Department of Safety for their consideration and any further approvals required by law." The motion was seconded by Darlene Cuddy. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Roads Portion.

Selectboard member Gerald Needham proposed the approval of the OHRV connector utilizing the Class V and Class VI Town of Windsor roads, as follows: Bagley Pond Road, Campbells Gore, Dodge Hill Road, Hannah Curtis Road, Liberty Farm Road, Lovers Mill Road, Miller Road, North Star Road, White Pond Road, White Pond Extension, and Windsor Mountain Road.

Darlene Cuddy opened for public comment, also stating she believed the town roads had been opened already, and realized when the state roads were brought to attention, they were not. It was also brought to attention that there have been no accident issues in town previously.

Speaking in favor of - Zack Plummer, Holly Mecheski, Debra Williams, Stephen Kane, and Nancy Plummer.

Speaking in opposition- Claire Pouliot, Rhonda Palmer, Irene Palmer, Ellen Blake and Duane Kruder.

See attached for letters received by property owners.

Concerns were brought up such as; road repair concerns, the town being liable for road hazards, enforcement issues, and private roads being posted. Speed limit was asked to be lowered from the standard 20 mph limit.

The Selectboard made the decision to maintain the limit at the standard threshold, with the reservation of authority to revisit, lower, modify, or revoke this decision at any time, without the requirement of a public hearing.

Darlene Cuddy mentioned the town does not maintain Class 6 Roads. She will also be inquiring if private roads can be posted (NHMA).

Rhonda Roy and Irene Palmer claimed not to be against opening town roads but asked to have some more safety and planning in place. There were concerns of jeeps, dirtbikes, etc. on White Pond Road Extension already, seemingly cutting through the swamp/wet land area.

State Representative Riche Colcombe informed this motion allows the road to be open as far as the road is on the map.

The selectboard referred to the map to assess how far the road continues, verifying it goes to the town of Washington border. It was agreed that there should be signs posted on either side of the swamp alerting riders not to cross the wet land area.

Ellen Blake asked to have Dodge Hill removed from the list of town roads allowing OHRV use as the pavement is in poor condition, and the homeowners on the road are responsible for the repairs. Sonia B and Husband agreed stating Dodge Hill has no exit or connector trail. Chair Cuddy voiced it could be residents having the ability to ride to visit someone on the road, With Riche mentioning it is cheaper to operate an OHRV and having a less eco footprint than other vehicles.

Darlene Cuddy closed the public comment period at 7:46. Discussion ensued by all three selectboard members. All board members agreed with signage on White Pond Extension. A discussion on keeping Dodge Hill Road on the list ensued. Board Members Gerald Needham and Rene Boyer voted to keep Dodge Hill on the list for OHRV use, while chair board member Cuddy opposed.

Selectboard member Gerald Needham made a motion to pass the proposed OHRV connector using Town Roads, selectboard member Rene Boyer seconded the motion. The motion for the approval of the OHRV connector utilizing the Class V and Class VI Town of Windsor roads (Bagley Pond Road, Campbells Gore, Dodge Hill Road, Hannah Curtis Road,

Liberty Farm Road, Lovers Mill Road, Miller Road, North Star Road, White Pond Road, White Pond Extension, and Windsor Mountain Road) was passed unanimously (apart from Cuddy being opposed to Dodge Hill Road).

Adjournment.

Motion made by Darlene Cuddy to close meeting; Rene Boyer seconded the motion.

Time Adjourned 8:08 pm

Results.

Result on State Roads – PASSED

Result on Town Roads – PASSED

A true copy, I attest.

Stephanie L Houle Windsor Town Clerk



Meeting Minutes Approved On

