

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/  
RECREATION, FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 20, 2018**

**Recreation, Forestry & Parks Director Jackie Mahoney** reviewed her monthly report.

Jackie reported she would be auditing the year-end snowmobile club report for reimbursement and expects to reject some entries because the total request is well above State grant allocations.

The website went live for ATV permit sales on 3/19/18. Jackie had met with Chamber of Commerce personnel who will administer, to assist with training. Treasurer Patty O'Brien had approved the developed permit audit process that includes her office personnel auditing all entries coming through the designated account. There were over 24,000 views on the website with the ATV trail map. When Chamber personnel are more familiar with the on-line permit sale process, Jackie will start advertising the site for expanded use.

The contract with the Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC for a temporary access easement along the abandoned Bald Mountain Road in the Town of Diana is ready to be signed, but the adjoining access through the Oswegatchie Easement must also be approved by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) before the TRP can be attained.

Jackie is negotiating with 3B Timber this week for harvesting County Reforestation trees on the County parcels along North South Road and Moose River Road. This area includes some blown down trees. The health of the stands will be considered. There are also some trees that need to be removed at Singing Waters Park.

Local officials had attended a recent meeting with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (OPRHP) to discuss the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), but were disappointed there were no State representatives in attendance that had approval authority. Jackie plans to invite and entice leadership of other Counties to participate to impact and enhance ATV trail expansion.

Legislator King cited reports that many ATV riders do not have a permit. To-date, many have gone undetected due to the lack of legal enforcement, but Jackie hopes that increased law enforcement will increase permit numbers. Ryan Piche cited the JCC community study that indicated that 50 percent of residents own some sort of recreation vehicle, but only 20 percent have permits. Jackie stated that her meeting with the Sheriff's office they discussed that enforcement ticket ATV's that are found off the trails and in areas they should not be, trespassing and DWI will be ticketed, but they encouraged one warning for those who may not be aware they need a permit to ride.

Jackie reiterated appreciation for website development by Technological Services Group (TSG) consultant Anthony. Board Chairman Dolhof believes the on-line availability and streamlined ATV permit process will help to increase sales.

Ryan Piche has graciously accepted an invitation to speak to the Turin Ridgeriders at their upcoming annual banquet; although unable to speak at the Southern Tug Hill banquet. He welcomes any opportunity to expound on the local impact of outdoor tourism.

# Memo

**TO:** Ryan Piche, County Manager  
Recreation, Forestry & Parks Legislative Committee

- Ron Burns, Chairman
- Jerry King
- Randy LaChausse

**CC:** Cassandra Moser, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Jackie Mahoney, Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks

**DATE:** March 20th, 2018

**SUBJECT:** March 2018 Committee Report (Meeting 03/20/18 @ 8:30 AM)

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## Docket Items

1. Resolution to amend opening certain county roads for the SNIRT run.
2. Resolution in Opposition of Bill A 6022 & S 4600- Prohibits ATV in State Forest preserve, Long island central pine barrens area and Albany pine bush preserve.
3. Resolution in Support of Bill A 4412, S 1909 & S 7361 -Amends the vehicle and traffic law to raise the defined maximum weight for ATVs
4. Resolution in Support of Bill A 477 & S 3156 -Amend the environmental conservation law in relation to lowering the age for universal hunting licenses from 14 to 12 years old.
5. Resolution in Support of Bill A 4519, A 4699 & S 3708

## NYSCC

New York State Conservation Council Memorandums attached. I believe we need to do similar resolutions.

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- Memorandum in Support of Bill A 477 & S 3156 -Amend the environmental conservation law in relation to lowering the age for universal hunting licenses from 14 to 12 years old.
- Memorandum in Support of Bill A 4519, A 4699 & S 3708 – Establish the minimum age and circumstances to possess rifles, shotguns and air guns.

## Lewis County Apps

I am working on updating the App layers as time allows. I am hoping that once the trail crew gets started I will have more time to update the layers.

## Snowmobile

The Businesses are happy to see more snow in the forecast. The Clubs have been busy grooming and maintaining the trails. The OPRHP (Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation) sets

the year end as April 1<sup>st</sup> so the Phase III of the Grant application for 2017-2018 season will be due May 31<sup>st</sup> and the Phase I for 2018-2019 will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Current submissions for the Phase III application are \$582,644.84, well over the \$272,051.00 awarded. I have not audited the report yet so there may be some entries that will be rejected.

### **ATV**

The March ATV Round Table Meeting was held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lewis County Search and Rescue. There were 15 people in attendance. The meeting minutes are attached.

The ATV Permit Report is attached. There were 13 permits, sold in February with a total revenue of \$430.00 and \$ 65.00 of reimbursements to the Clubs. We have not gone live with advertising the new website. With the new website there has been a learning curve for Emily at the Chamber. We plan on advertising the new online permit page next week. Patty found extra charges appearing on the ATV account from Xpress pay and they have been contacted and it has been rectified.

I have started to post on Facebook again and we are getting lots of questions regarding SNIRT so I have shared the link to the Barnes Corners Sno Pals post. We had to amend the resolution for the road openings because there was an error we did not catch.

### **ATV Trail Agreements**

The Black River Valley Riders ATV Club (Carthage), the Black River Valley Four Wheelers ATV Club (Brantingham), the Highmarket Wheelers, the Northern Oneida County ATV Club, Tug Hill Wheelers and Tug Hill Adirondack ATV Association have returned the 2018 ATV Club agreements.

### **Forestry**

Peter Burkholder has renewed his contract to tap the maple trees on Hough Memorial for \$.75 a tap for 550 Taps for a total of \$412.50. I am negotiating with 3B Timber regarding a harvest on the County reforestation parcel on the North South Road and Moose River Road. The Red pine stands have some health issues and there are some sections of blow down that will need to be cleaned up. I will also have them thin the White pine stands while they are there. I have also asked them to look at Singing Waters. I will have Joan review the contracts prior to signing but I am hoping to have a harvest started soon.

### **OPRHP SCORP (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan)**

Ryan, Larry and I attended the initial meeting regarding the SCORP Plan updates. It was a basic review of the questionnaire that will be sent out to the Counties for their input. We made some good contacts with Madison, Oswego, and Broome Counties. I was surprised to hear that the Massena meeting was cancelled due to lack of participation. I have reached out to ATV Contacts in Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties to push to get them involved.

### **Events / Important Dates (ATV Club Events see ATV Round Table Minutes)**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 5 PM** at Lewis County Search and Rescue - ATV Round Table meeting

**April 21<sup>st</sup> SNIRT**

**NOHVCC Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI - August 14-18, 2018**

### **Tyler Munis Financial System Budget Reports**

#6410-Tourism, #7141-Snowmobile Trails, #7989-Trail Program, #7990-Trail Maintenance, #8711 Reforestation Year-To-Date Budget Reports are attached.

### Lewis County ATV

# of Permits Sold	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2009	0	0	80	440	679	223	280	133	97	49	0	0	1981
2010	9	19	238	566	447	317	304	228	131	46	10	1	2316
2011	5	58	283	533	494	293	284	149	86	43	27	36	2291
2012	51	87	355	429	542	321	214	141	107	90	35	0	2372
2013	17	19	263	364	492	319	295	181	114	53	24	1	2132
2014	7	28	231	362	520	352	244	84	98	33			1959
2015	0	57	146	332	432	371	244	124	100	28	6	4	1844
2016	10	23	198	481	343	343	118	48	60	25	33	2	1682
2017	0	69	144	214	280	255	217	273	15	101	161	21	1750
2018	7	13											20

Permit \$	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,240	\$ 17,760	\$ 27,600	\$ 9,560	\$ 11,280	\$ 5,680	\$ 3,960	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,080
2010	\$ 380	\$ 760	\$ 8,580	\$ 18,820	\$ 14,940	\$ 10,880	\$ 10,080	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,740	\$ 1,480	\$ 340	\$ 40	\$ 78,520
2011	\$ 200	\$ 1,980	\$ 9,440	\$ 17,120	\$ 16,180	\$ 9,720	\$ 9,460	\$ 5,140	\$ 3,280	\$ 1,420	\$ 980	\$ 1,220	\$ 76,100
2012	\$ 1,840	\$ 2,920	\$ 11,680	\$ 14,280	\$ 17,720	\$ 10,160	\$ 7,140	\$ 4,840	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,060	\$ 1,220	\$ -	\$ 78,860
2013	\$ 640	\$ 720	\$ 8,040	\$ 17,380	\$ 22,710	\$ 15,020	\$ 13,060	\$ 8,255	\$ 5,585	\$ 5,770	\$ 1,380	\$ 65	\$ 98,605
2014	\$ 410	\$ 1,325	\$ 11,260	\$ 16,730	\$ 23,720	\$ 16,040	\$ 10,955	\$ 3,010	\$ 4,615	\$ 1,740			\$ 89,805
2015	\$ -	\$ 2,670	\$ 6,700	\$ 15,235	\$ 19,120	\$ 16,755.00	\$ 10,550.00	\$ 5,530.00	\$ 4,595.00	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 83,085
2016	\$ 470	\$ 1,045	\$ 8,915	\$ 21,665	\$ 15,035	\$ 16,180	\$ 5,105	\$ 2,175	\$ 2,660	\$ 995	\$ 1,655	\$ 110	\$ 75,810.00
2017	\$ -	\$ 3,075	\$ 6,500	\$ 8,348.90	\$ 10,463.41	\$ 10,621.74	\$ 8,328.75	\$ 9,682.75	\$ 690.82	\$ 5,718.02	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 69,922.39
2018	\$ 310	\$ 430											\$ 740.00

# of Passes	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014				1	15	39	129	108	128	200	58	25	319
2015				1	127	46	147	96	101	118	24	59	705
2016				1	127	46	147	96	101	118	24	59	735
2017		7	1	27	48	109	102	212	40	238	61	23	868
2018	0	0											0

Passes \$	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014													\$ 6,380.00
2015		\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 14,090.00
2016		\$ 0	\$ 20	\$ 2,540	\$ 920	\$ 2,870	\$ 1,920	\$ 2,020	\$ 2,280	\$ 480	\$ 1,180	\$ 320	\$ 14,550.00
2017		\$ 150	\$ 20	\$ 524.99	\$ 935.35	\$ 2,164.41	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 4,112.20	\$ 804	\$ 5,405	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 460	\$ 17,930.39
2018	\$ 0	\$ -											\$ 0.00

2013	\$ 98,605.00
2014	\$ 96,185.00
2015	\$ 97,175.00
2016	\$ 90,960.00
2017	\$ 88,758.12
2018	\$ 740.00

\*\*includes donations \*\*

Donations	Jan	Feb	Feb-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017				\$ 284.48	\$ 410.39	\$ 91.20	\$ 46.15	\$ 38.84	\$ 24.28	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 905.34
2018	0	0											\$ -

Reimbursements	Jan	Feb	Feb-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017			\$ 1,044.98	\$ 503.84	\$ 734.62	\$ 559.93	\$ 488.74	\$ 320.76	\$ 33.54	\$ 9.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,695.97
2018	\$ 85.00	\$ 65.00											\$ 150.00

#### Club Information

# Memberships	Jan	Feb	Feb-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
HMW			48	23	24	35	26	35	1	0	0		192
THAATVA			10	30	23	25	61	74	2	0	0		225
THW			24	9	18	12	8	4	0	0	0		75
BRV			0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0		6
Total			82	64	67	73	95	113	3	1	0	0 Total	498

# Memberships	Jan	Feb	Feb-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
HMW	3	2											5
THAATVA	0	2											2
THW	0	1											1
BRVR-Carthage	0	0											0
BRV4W-Brantingham	0	0											0
NOCATVC	2	0											2
Total	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Total	10

## **ATV Round Table Meeting 3/12/18 – 15 people attended the meeting**

**Lewis County – Jackie Mahoney** The County had a conference call with Ken Ayers to review ATV Policy and the NYS policy on UTV. The various Bills that have not made it through the Assembly were discussed. Ken also explain qualified abandoned and how they work.

3B lumber will be harvesting on the Wildcat property. The trails there will be closed until the harvest is completed. They have a mulching head to clean up after the harvest so that we will not have issues wit the trails. They are hoping to get started in April if everything goes well.

We are still waiting on the public comment to be announce for the NYSDEC Oswegatchie Easement. The Contract with Molpus is being reviewed by the attorneys and will hopefully be completed in April.

### **Missing Community Connectors**

**Watson**

**Texas Rd to Old State Rd**

**Boonville**

**Beaver River**

**Hideaway to Great Lots**

**Copenhagen**

**Indian River**

**West Leyden**

**Lyonsdale**

**Website** – <https://www.lewiscountyATV.org> is now Live. It will be advertised next week once Emily has the process completed. Permits will be going out to the businesses soon. I will post on Facebook once they have them.

### **Discussions**

Mike Gille (Highmarket Wheelers President) will be meeting with Blankenbush's office on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> to discus UTV legislation. NYS is missing out on registration money. Mike is still looking into other insurance options but has received no quotes. NYSORVA has offered to go back to old rates with stipulations. Mike really wants a new state association, with more group involvement from other groups with similar views so we have a bigger voice in Albany. Also the Club policy with Rocky Mountain has changed. They will now get credits instead.

Doug Dietrich – Black River Valley Four wheelers & Town of Martinsburg- would like to look into opening more roads in the Town of Martinsburg.

Larry Smith - Black River Valley Four wheelers- Would like more printed maps of the Milk House area. His Club has contacted NYSORVA regarding insurance but have not received a quote yet.

Greg Myers – THAATVA- Lee gulf still has snow and they are still sledding. The gates will be shut for SNIRT and the trail markers removed so there will be no trespass. Jackie suggested that snow fencing be added at Demkos driveway as an added measure. Greg also offered to work on signage since they tend to ride on Mondays. Jackie suggested providing the clubs with signs so that we can have an overall better signed system.

Joe Onyon – THAATVA President -would like to get maps for landowners for the Texas Road and Old State Road. He is willing to help out in that area since he helps there for snowmobile trails. THAATVA is

still looking into other options for Insurance since they are not happy with NYSORVA. The old website is not live but should link to the new website. They are also working on their new event, a scavenger hunt. Looking to make it a team event and they are already getting a lot of interest.

Gordon Yancey – Flat Rock Inn– Still lots of snow and they are still grooming. He wanted to know when the permits would be available for the businesses to sell. Jackie said that Kristen had planned on taking them out to the businesses soon. Greg commented that they had also had multiple inquiries.

Larry Macner – THAATVA – Larry said he lives in Fulton and would like to get Barkley's Office involved in the UTV registration. Larry provided copies of various bills (see attached) that had not made it to the Assembly floor for a vote.

Gary Rosczkowski – Landowner – stated that he owns property near Flat Rock Inn and had issues with trespass and damage last year at the SNIRT. With the ride a week later, there are not the snowbank there use to be to keep the ATVs out of his fields. Jackie suggested that he attend the enforcement meeting for the SNIRT. She will let him know the date and time of the meeting.

John and Kandy McGraw – Tug Hill Wheelers President and Secretary – They worked the outdoor Expo at the State Office building in Watertown for the Chamber and Friday was dead and Sunday wasn't very well attended either.

Thank you to everyone who attended. If there is an area you would like to work on gaining ATV Trails please let Jackie know so she can get you maps for those areas. You can also go to the Cloud base GIS service the County offers. <http://lewiscountyny.giscloud.com/> to look up landowners.

### **Events/Important Dates**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** – NOCATV Club Meeting – 6:30 pm at the Boonville VFW

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – BRVR- Club Meeting at the American Legion in Carthage

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** - HMW Club Meeting 10 am at Tug Hill Hideaway

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – **SNIRT- Barnes Corners Sno-Pals**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – NOCATV Club Meeting – 6:30 pm at the Boonville VFW

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** - BRVR- Club Meeting at the American Legion in Carthage

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – NOCATV Club Chicken BBQ at Great American, Boonville

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - HMW Club Meeting 10 am at Highmarket Inn

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Dick Sellers Ride** – Flat Rock Inn

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - **BRVR- Club Ride**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** - NOCATV Club Meeting – 6:30 pm at the Boonville VFW

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** - BRVR- Club Meeting at the American Legion in Carthage

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - **HMW Family Ride/Picnic** at 9:30 at Sportsman's

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **ATV Safety Course #1197123** – Flat Rock

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – BRVR -Trail maintenance

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** - HMW Club Meeting 10 am at Tug Hill Hideaway

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Fathers Rule Poker Run** – Myers Towpath

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - BRVR- Club Ride

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** - NOCATV Club Meeting – 6:30 pm at the Boonville VFW