

**Town of Danby**  
**DRAFT Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**April 29, 2021**

**Town Office, Danby, VT 6:00pm**

<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>

Attendees: Shelley Taylor, Mike Powers, Drea Stoddard, Dave Powers, Hilda Haines, & Greg Heaton

Public: Brad Bender, Michelle Bushee, Pete Johnson, Craig Moran, Claire Beck, David Middleton, and Darren Marcy (Manchester Journal)

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Shelley Taylor
- Previous Minutes approved. Motion by Mike Powers, Seconded by Greg
- Open floor to public comment and review of emails, FB, and FPF
  - How did the ordinance come about
    - Mentioned in the town plan under recreation
    - Select Board created a draft
    - Planning commission tasked with collecting information
  - Location of current VASA trails
    - 35 miles of isolated trail off of Scallop Drive
  - Question about remote meeting information
    - Per conversation with Rutland Regional Planning; remote meeting information is not required if meeting is held in person and COVID guidelines are followed
  - Major Concerns brought up
    - Safety of drivers, passengers, and ATVs
      - Concerns for shared roads with walking, biking, & horseback riding
    - Noise from ATVs
      - Covered in State Statutes
    - Dirt vs paved roads
    - Liability personal & town
      - Covered in State Statutes
    - Roads being considered
    - Labeling of roads open for use
    - Speed limit
      - ATV could have their own speed limit signs posted
    - Operating times – day hours, and seasonal?
    - Is a trial period an option?
      - The ordinance is a fluid document

- Enforcement issues
    - Sheriff, State Troopers, Game Wardens
    - Bring back town Constable?
  - Mis-use of private and public land
- New Meeting Schedule
  - Meeting Monthly
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month
    - 6 pm
    - Danby Town Offices
    - In person, public meeting
- Front Porch Forum
  - No longer posting minutes or agendas on FPF
    - Will have final post
  - Will be posted in 3 places
    - Town of Danby website
    - Danby Town Office
    - Danby Post Office
- Planning Commission members will reach out to current towns with ATV Ordinances
  - Negative & Positive impact
  - Revenue?
  - Property value decrease or increase?
  - Conflict?
  - Law Enforcement
- Continue to reach out for public comment
- Motion to adjourn by Mike Powers, Seconded by Hilda Haines. Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.