

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
PUBLIC HEARING RE: ATV ACCESS FROM “ABB'S CORNERS” TO ROUND
LAKE ROAD.
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 19, 2014 @ 6:15 PM**

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Members Present:

Supervisor Parker Snead
Councilman Charles Scott
Councilman Ronald Scouten
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski
Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Supervisor Snead.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:

Recited.

LEGAL NOTICE:

Supervisor Snead read the legal notice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joe Novak identified himself as a significant land owner in the area in question, with substantial road frontage on both Round Lake Road and Buck Lake Road. He raised several concerns about the ATV access, with the highlights as follows:

- ⤴ Size of machines allowed?
- ⤴ Who exactly is proposing the access?
- ⤴ Parking for trucks and trailers?
- ⤴ How will access affect the condition of Round Lake Road?
- ⤴ Liability? Who is responsible for riders?
- ⤴ Safety issues relating to the Buck Lake Road- blind corners, hills, car/ATV interaction, logging operations.

Councilman Scouten stated that the purpose of opening the section of road is strictly to allow ATV users to access County lands which have been approved for ATV use.

John Furness of the Northern Oneida ATV Club also reported that while the use of

the access is for the public, the ATV Club maintains and marks the trail for safety hazards. The trail would be patrolled by the DEC and Forest Rangers.

Supervisor Snead stated he would like to table the approval of the access pending further discussion.

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski to adjourn the hearing. Roll call vote:

Supervisor Snead – yes
Councilman Scouten – yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilwoman Kardash – yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski – yes

With no further business the hearing was adjourned at 6:34pm by Supervisor Snead.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Entwistle- Forestport Town Clerk

