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MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilman Ronald Scouten
Councilman Charles Scott
Councilman William Rockhill
Town Attorney, William Riley
Town Clerk Tracy Northrop

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

LEGAL NOTICE:

Supervisor Entwistle read the legal notice.

COMMENTS:

Supervisor Entwistle started the meeting off by stating they will be keeping the meeting to 15 minutes. If the public has more they would like to discuss he is happy to have them come into the office and discuss it further. He also reminded everyone there is a 3 minute limit and asked those who spoke to keep comments polite and being respectful of other people.

Don Frank stated he opposed the meeting because the Supreme Court Judge in Utica has already ruled against it. He gave the Board members data pertaining to the Adirondack Council's newsletter. Supervisor Entwistle stated they ruled against the Town of Forestport due to the fact that there were some inadequacies; such as not having enough time for a Public Hearing. Attorney, William Riley spoke stating it was dismissed for 2 reasons: 1. No SEQR filed while adopting the local Law. 2. There was no finding by the town board when it was adopted to comply with Section 2405 with vehicle and traffic which authorizes the use of ATV's prior to adopting the Local Law.

Jim Klodnicki read a personal letter to the Board. He respectfully submits his opposition. He researched some cases and said there needs to be an Environmental Review when you put a trail in. He wants to know where this boundary is for. Supervisor Entwistle said it is from the Boonville Town Line in the direction of

Forestport. John Furness said everything is on County Land and they do not cross the State Land at all. The SEQR is part of the Environmental Review per Supervisor Entwistle. John Furness said they just need a connection to get to County lands.

Supervisor Entwistle mentioned they reached out to the DEC to come to the meeting, but they were unable to come. He just wanted to touch base with the enforcement issue. They do a lot of work and know how to handle the enforcement end.

Mike Gille lives in the town of Western. He encourages the town to do everything legally. It may be an avenue to bring income in for the town.

Supervisor Entwistle read a letter for the record which was received by email prior to the Town Board meeting by Bruce in Constableville.

Jim Klodnicki was curious if there was a sunset date on the proposal. Is it for seasonal use? Are the county trails rideable during deer season? John Furness said they are not rideable during deer season.

Supervisor Entwistle thanked everyone for their comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten- yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilwoman Kardash – yes
Supervisor Entwistle – yes

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned by Supervisor Entwistle at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Town Clerk