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MEMO

To: Town Council
From: Glenn Michalowski, Town Manager
Subject: Amend Article IV. Recreation Activities On Public Ways for extended ATV Access - First Reading
Date: April 16, 2024

Summary

The Lisbon Town Council recently heard from a resident Roger Bickford who requested the expansion of some ATV access routes in Town. The council tasked the town departments to work with the Lisbon and Lisbon Falls ATV clubs on this request. After formalizing and having two meetings with both ATV clubs, the State of Maine Parks and Lands, Maine Warden Service, the Assistant Town Manager Sarah Bennet, the Lisbon Economic and Community Development Director Ross Cunningham, the Chief of Police Ryan McGee, and the Lisbon Parks and Recreation Director Mark Stevens, we came up with the following recommendations:

- The ATV access route would be expanded on certain roadways that allowed the safe operation of ATV's. The original request to open up Main Street as an ATV access route was not approved after meeting with all parties, and the alternative route we found to be the best route to allow ATV goers to access the Davis Street Parking lot to utilize the restaurants in the area.
- The Rt 196 ATV Access route would be expanded on a portion of the roadway to connect the intersection of Rt 196/Rt 9 to travel east down Rt 196, turn right onto Blethen Street and left onto Davis Street and stop at the Davis Street Parking lot. This would allow both ATV clubs to access this parking lot and walk up to the restaurants in Lisbon Falls.

Attached to this memo is a map with other routes that were cleaned up to allow access from trail to trail in our community along with the proposed ATV Access route ordinance changes that have been redlined.

Recommendation

Amend Article IV. Recreation Activities on Public Ways, Division 1, Sec. 50-263 (c) Use and operation of Lisbon ATV access routes, Sec. 50-264. ATV access routes, Sec. 50-265. Signs; and Set a Public Hearing for May 2, 2024.

Attachments

1. Memo to TM on ATV access roads
2. ATV Access Ordinance (redlined updates)

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3. ATV Access Map proposed routes in red