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Town of Wascott
Douglas County, Wisconsin

Res. 2012-20
Amendment to Resolution 2010-07
Policy on Designation of Town Roads as ATV Routes

WHEREAS, the Town Board may, by ordinance, designate certain town roads for use as all-terrain vehicle routes; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board must consider the interests of all persons and provide for public health and safety in making decisions on designation of ATV routes in the town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the following guidelines and administrative procedures related to designation of town roads as ATV routes:

1. Factors to be considered in designation of ATV routes shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Connectivity to established ATV trails or routes
 - Benefits of ATV routes to town businesses
 - Maintenance costs of town roads which are related to ATV use
 - Damage to property related to ATV use
 - Public safety issues
2. Requests (the request) to add an ATV Road route must be in writing and presented to the Town Clerk's office at any time throughout the year to be scheduled for consideration by the Town Board as an agenda item at a regular town board meeting for discussion/possible action.
3. Notification of a requested ATV road opening, shall be publicized in the Northwood Shopper, the town's bulletin boards and website, with a minimum 30 day notice. Notice to indicate date of town board meeting agenda it will appear for discussion/approval.
4. Approval of the request shall be subject to advance payment of all costs for signage on the ATV route. The requester shall be responsible for collecting contributions and paying for signage costs. Payment shall be made prior to posting of signs and opening of the route. Failure to pay related costs may, at the discretion of the Town Board, be considered cause to remove the town road or portion thereof as a designated ATV route.
5. A final decision on a Request to designate a town road as an ATV route, is the sole authority of the Town Board, in accordance with applicable State statutes and County ordinances and the Town of Wascott's ATV ordinance.
6. If a situation develops that warrants closure of a designated ATV route, the Town Board Chair shall have authority to temporarily suspend or close the route, subject to review and final determination by the Town Board members. Temporary signs indicating the ATV route closure, will be erected until final determination by the Town Board. Should the designated route be permanently closed, the ATV route signage will be entirely removed.
7. This policy shall become effective upon passage by the Wascott Town Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 7th day of August, 2012

TOWN BOARD

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Attest: _____
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