

ATV/UTV Task Force – UPDATE

It was announced in the 2019 fall Town of Hull newsletter that the Hull Board of Supervisors had created a Task Force to investigate the potential use of ATV's and UTV's on Hull roads. The task force was made up of five members leaning towards ATV use and five opposed. One member was declared unbiased. The eleven member Task Force had its first meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

The purpose of the Task Force was to review crucial information about all aspects of the growing trend of ATV/UTV on town roads in other parts of our county and state, along with information about Hull roads and neighborhoods. The Task Force was to determine if ATV's/UTV's should be permitted, and to what extent, on Hull roads. At the end of their investigation, the Task Force was to make a recommendation to the Hull Board of Supervisors. The Hull Board of Supervisors would make the final decision.

All meetings of the Task Force were properly noticed and open to the public. Hull citizens were invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. Many citizens did take the opportunity to attend these meetings in person, while others made a phone call or sent an email. We are appreciative for the input.

The Task Force has completed the study and has presented its recommendation to the Hull Board. The ATV/UTV Task Force presented an ATV/UTV Ordinance that recommended ATV/UTV use in the Town of Hull. The Hull Board of Supervisors revised the proposed ordinance making it more restrictive in some areas and conditional in others.

On March 9, 2020, the Hull Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to allow ATV/UTV use on Town of Hull roads in a limited area of Hull. The Hull Board of Supervisors will have the right to rescind parts or the entire ordinance. A formal public input meeting or a formal survey will be conducted 6-8 months after implementation to measure impact and issues to that point. The required signage and its associated costs will not be paid by Hull taxpayers but by snowmobile and ATV clubs or government grants.

Please visit the Town of Hull website at www.townofhull.us to become familiar with the ATV Route Map, the ATV/UTV ordinance and other information related to this issue. The Town of Hull will officially open its designated area to ATV/UTV use on Saturday, June 6, 2020.

