

To the Littleton Selectboard,

once again I point out the unsafe nature of your permitting of a section of Industrial Park Road for OHRV use.

There are typical road-sign-size OHRV crossing signs posted where OHRVs enter the road from the Hammerdown parking lot, and from the trail that connects to the Ammonoosuc Rail Trail.

There are no adequate signs indicating to cars, trucks and motorcycles that OHRVs may be on the road; that a portion of Industrial Park Road is shared use.

There are some low, small (7" x 7"), barely noticeable OHRV signs mounted on wooden stakes. These are wholly inadequate and unsafe as notification of OHRVs on the road,

The OHRV sign below is just west of the Hammerdown Adventures parking lot.



The (green) OHRV sign below is where the Burndy Rd. joins Industrial Park Road:



The OHRV sign below is to guide OHRV riders when they exit the Rail Trail and get on the road:



Has any member of the Selectboard or Littleton law enforcement walked or cycled this section of Industrial Park Road, seen the signs and experienced sharing the road with the speeding traffic and negotiated the properly signed “Pavement Ends” section below the I-93 bridge?

Why are there appropriate and noticeable signs for pavement hazards but not for OHRVs?

Is the Selectboard aware that it has permitted 13, 14 and 15 year-old kids to ride OHRVs on a section of Industrial Park Road?

Is the Selectboard aware that brain development of teenagers is incomplete and they are not capable of adult decision-making?

Are the Selectboard and Littleton police aware of the laws (below) regarding OHRV riders and age?

“A person under 12 years of age:

- Must wear a helmet *and...*
- Must wear eye protection unless the OHRV has a windshield or screen that covers the eyes *and...*
- Must be accompanied by a licensed person over 25 years of age when not operating on the vehicle owner’s private property *and...*
- **May not operate** an OHRV along or across any public road *and...*
- May not carry passengers on an ATV *and...*
- May take an OHRV safety class but cannot be certified (11-year-olds may take the class and receive the card, but it will not be valid until their 12th birthday). Go to Ride.NH.gov for more information.

A person 12 or 13 years of age:

- Must wear a helmet *and...*
- Must wear eye protection unless the OHRV has a windshield or screen that covers the eyes *and...*
- Must have an approved safety education certificate when riding on public property *and...*
- Must at all times be accompanied by a person who is 25 years of age or older and has a valid driver’s license *and...*
- May cross or operate along [approved roads](#) when accompanied *and...*
- Must keep to the extreme right along the traveled portion of a public highway and yield to all conventional motor vehicle traffic on the highway *and...*
- May not carry passengers on an ATV.

A person 14 or 15 years of age:

- Must wear a helmet *and...*
- Must wear eye protection unless the OHRV has a windshield or screen that covers the eyes *and...*
- Must have an approved safety education certificate when riding on public property *and...*

- May operate unaccompanied on public property or trails and across roads **and...**
- Must be accompanied by a person who is 25 years of age or older and has a valid driver's license while operating along approved roads **and...**
- Must keep to the extreme right along the traveled portion of a public highway and yield to all conventional motor vehicle traffic on the highway **and...**
- May not carry passengers on an ATV.

A person 16 or 17 years of age:

- Must wear a helmet **and...**
- Must wear eye protection unless the OHRV has a windshield or screen that covers the eyes **and...**
- Must have a valid motor vehicle driver's license or an approved safety education certificate when riding on public property **and...**
- May not carry passengers on an ATV **and...**
- May operate unaccompanied on public property or trails and across roads **and...**
- If not licensed to drive a motor vehicle:
 - Must be accompanied by a person who is 25 years of age or older and has a valid driver's license while operating along approved roads **and...**
 - Must keep to the extreme right along the traveled portion of a public highway and yield to all conventional motor vehicle traffic on the highway.

A person 18 years of age or older:

- Is encouraged, but not required, to wear a helmet **and...**
- Must wear eye protection unless the OHRV has a windshield or screen that covers the eyes **and...** Must have a valid motor vehicle driver's license or an approved safety education certificate when riding on public property **and...**
- May carry passengers on an ATV **and...**
- May cross roads **and...**
- If not licensed to drive a motor vehicle:
 - Must be accompanied by a person who is 25 years of age or older and has a valid driver's license while operating along approved roads **and...**
 - Must keep to the extreme right along the traveled portion of a public highway and yield to all conventional motor vehicle traffic on the highway."

Are Littleton law enforcement employees spending time at Hammerdown ATV rental and the exit of the Ammonoosuc Rail Trail onto Industrial Park Road and enforcing the OHRV laws and automobile speed limits? Do they have time to do this?

Does the Selectboard still think that it is ethical to attempt to determine whether it is safe to allow OHRVs on Industrial Park Road, by opening it to OHRVs and waiting to see if there is an accident?