

Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee Meeting #60 Minutes

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Date: March 4th, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Attendance

Committee Members in Attendance: Colin Novick, Jim McCaffrey, Erik Tynan, Randy Toth, Michael White, Matt Westfield, Mike Toomey, Raffi Peterson

Committee Members in Absence: Thomas Galvin, Max Rasbold-Gabbard

Guest Speakers: Tammy Lippincott, Jackie Densmore

Call to order: 6:08 PM

Agenda items

1. EoEEA Update - Scott Morrill - Massachusetts OHV Coordinator

Mr. Morrill advised the committee of advancement of a new grant for OHV users in Massachusetts. Mr. Morrill also announced support for a UTV purchase involving a UTV for trail patrol and emergency response.

2. NETRA Update - Raffi Peterson - NETRA Representative

Mr. Peterson stated that NETRA was continuing volunteer projects in the state's OHV parks and continuing to work on grants.

3. SAM Update - Randy Toth - SAM Representative

Mr. Toth announced a very successful and snowy snowmobile season. The new app for grooming is working SAM was working on securing major trail connections. Mr. Toth also noted connections to new businesses expanding the opportunities on trails and adding to local businesses.

4. MEP Update - Captain Erik Tynan - MEP Special Ops Captain

Captain Tynan noted a very safe and productive winter season with very few accidents and none fatal. MEP has also sent officers for snowmobile training in Maine.

5. DCR Update - Tim Craig - DCR Trail Planner

Mr. Craig cited ongoing permitting, planning, and trail work at all the DCR properties which permit OHV use. Among work being completed was bridge repair and permitting, trail planning at Freetown SF, a snowmobile bridge over the Farmington River, and trail repairs at Pittsfield SF.

6. Guest Speaker - Tammy Lippincott - Colby Lippincott's mother and advocate for proposed legislation, "Colby's Law".

Mrs. Lippincott, accompanied by Jackie Densmore, another advocate for "Colby's Law", spoke about their proposed legislation which they hoped would make tracks safer for people. Mrs. Lippincott expressed the need for legislation that would mandate such things as insurance coverage, medical and flagging training for employees, safer track design, track inspections, removal or safety obstacles around trees and oncoming traffic, and emergency vehicle access to the track where accidents happen.

Motions	First	Second	Yay	Nay	Passed?
None					

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
None			

Meeting Adjourned: 08:34 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 2nd, 2026
Venue: Purgatory Chasm State Reservation
198 Purgatory Rd, Sutton, MA 01590