

Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee Meeting #62 Minutes

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Date: September 2nd, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance

Committee Members in Attendance: Jim McCaffrey, Erik Tynan, Jeff Miller, Michael White, Raffi Peterson, Tammy Lippincott, Thomas Galvin

Committee Members in Absence: Colin Novick, Max Rasbold-Gabbard, Mike Toomey, Matt Westfield, Large Private Landowner, Power Sports Dealer

Guest Speakers:

Call to order: 10:07 AM

Agenda items

1. EoEEA Update - Scott Morrill - Massachusetts OHV Coordinator

Mr. Morrill advised the committee of changes to the upcoming OHV Program Sustainability Grant as well as projects his office was assisting with.

2. NETRA Update - Raffi Peterson - NETRA Representative

Mr. Peterson cited a very successful NETRA season with over 50 events. Mr. Peterson also said that NETRA was concerned about DCR's East Region management of equipment properly such as repairs and acquisition from grants.

3. SAM Update - Jeff Miller - SAM Representative

Mr. Miller spoke about their app, tracking mileage has been very effective and last season they groomed over nine thousand miles. Mr. Miller also updates the committee on the annual SAM Sledexpo being held on November 21st and 22nd at the Big E Fairgrounds this year. Mr. Miller also said that SAM was working on updating their signage throughout their trail system, modernizing it and bringing it more in line with our neighbor states.

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

Captain Tynan noted that the agency is currently short on detectives and due to boating season / incidents, they were spread very thin.

5. DCR Update - Ale Echandi, Brigid Beauchamp

Ms. Beauchamp stated that the West Region OHV Trail Crew was continuing to work on water mitigation issues as well as GPS'ing trail problems that would need to be permitted by the DCR trail team. Ms. Beauchamp also noted that they were provided trail maintenance training by the DCR Trail Team as well as continuing to work with DCR Trail Team member, Tim Craig, in developing trail repair skills. Ale Echandi, also of the DCR Trail Team, continues to work with them on permitting projects. Ms. Echandi is also working on permitting across the state with multiple OHV trail projects.

6. Open Floor

OHVAC members discussed funding for proposed bill S. 3075. No action taken. Thomas Galvin and Michael White both concurred that it might be a good idea to have “themes” for future meetings, when after regular updates people could discuss other issues in more depth. No action taken.

Motions	First	Second	Yay	Nay	Passed?
11:52 AM Motion to have the next meeting as a hybrid at DCR's Blackstone Valley Visitor Center in Worcester	Thomas Galvin	Michael White	7	0	Y
12:03 PM Motion to appoint a secretary at the December meeting.	Michael White	Jeff Miller	7	0	Y

Action items

Owner(s)

Deadline

Status

None

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 1st, 2026, 10AM - 2PM

Venue: Blackstone River Greenway Visitor Center & Zoom (Hybrid)

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