

February 8, 2022 - Article # 7018 0680 0000 3605 8479

Dear Sandisfield Select Board,

As I sat on the evening of January 19, 2021 and attended our weekly meeting, via zoom, I decided to take my own set of notes. Agenda item #3, "Sandisfield snowmobile club requesting permission to use an existing logging trail at the Sandisfield Center Cemetery on Route 57"

A boundary marker was installed below where the burial plots are and the agreement then, was being obeyed. The marker was installed on January 15 and then removed on April 7. This year however, that's not the case. As I noticed that the marker hasn't been reinstalled?

Sometime between February 2, early afternoon and February 4, midafternoon snow mobiles entered the cemetery as agreed, however, but, instead of then going toward the upper entrance/exit and then going toward the lower level designated directional marker, which would then have been on their right side, they decided to enter through the main heart of the cemetery, of course passing dozens of plots.

I have pictures of this and it NEEDS to STOP IMMEDIATELY! I appreciate the fact that the town decided to do the commendable act and grant permission, however. Furthermore, as stated on the very well positioned "rules of our cemetery" item #5 "all motorized vehicles are to stay on the roadways" (the intentions of that rather vague statement, were as we can all agree, meant for car/truck/suv, in general, but again, motorized)

The needs and wants of the snowmobilers, are not the towns responsibility or problem and never should be.. There is a very good reason why Mary & Don Turek permanently revoked their land use to this club. Just because it has been used for "more than 30 years" doesn't automatically make it right and acceptable.

It's a rather fragile eco system there as well, with all kinds of wonderful wildlife seen year round and to NOT, be DISTURBED, by this kind of activity. A red tail hawk, in particular several times last summer and again this winter, a beautiful sight indeed. As well as wildlife actually living in the streams that go through this cemetery.

As I read through the town website notes, yes it mentions the fact that this club has a 2 million dollar insurance policy, as stated that evening, but the notes don't reflect that it was also agreed that with this such policy, a copy was supposed to be given to the town? Has the town received a copy? If so, has the town verified it with the insurance company/agency?

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for hopefully understanding where I'm coming from, not just as a tax payer, but as a plot owner as well. It's all about appreciation, respect and dignity for all.

All be well!

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