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I am unable to attend this evening's meeting and am thus submitting comments that highlight a few of the many errors in it.

First off your definition of an unregistered self propelled vehicle in Section 275-27. does not correspond to state law. Some are registrable and some are not. By state law, ATV includes dirt bikes and quads (not mentioned), snowmobiles are not in state ATV law but must be registered, go-carts are not ATVs but different, trail bikes (perhaps typo trial bike) are undefined There is a potential confusion between a vehicle that unable to be registered and thus is unregisterable and unregistered, where a a vehicle that could/should be registered isn't. Operating an unregistered registrable vehicle is a separate violation no matter where it is operated unless it is on your own property.

Section 275-31 mentions it is unlawful to flee from a Town employee or law enforcement , but fails to mention if there is a penalty of doing so. An extra penalty for fleeing should be imposed.

Section 275-32 is insufficient and vague as to what is a careless, reckless or negligent manner and does not mention speeding as part of reckless behavior.

The above are just some of the many details, you did not get right. But the biggest error is the heavy restrictions on e-bikes that not only allow an assist for people to ride and reduce carbon footprint. E-bikes are allowed on the North County Trailway and your law would prohibit their use to access commercial establishments or access the trailway itself.

You need to go back to the drawing board and enlist others to help write a better law. You have had time in the last 6.5 months to move forward on revising the law and do it correctly.

Just a reminder that the Town's law cannot be less than state law.

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