

The Planning Commission recommends the following policy regarding Class IV road usage:

- Accessibility by user groups
  - Class IV roads are open to the following forms of use: pedestrians, bicycles, horses, and legal, motorized vehicles
  - The Road Foreman may restrict access and use of Class IV roads based on road conditions, particularly during mud season or as needed throughout the year for other reasons
  - (Parking for use not associated with an event needs to be addressed)
- Notification of closure
  - Upon a road closure determination by the Road Foreman and approved by the Selectboard, the road(s) will be posted as closed except to residential traffic at the road and on the Tunbridge website
- Use of Class IV roads for organized events or
  - Class IV roads may be used for recreational events with the following guidelines:
    - Recreational events are those in which the participants pay a fee to enter (e.g., The Ranger) or is participating as a direct result of a separate organized event (e.g., Green Mountain Horse Show ride)
    - Only roads that are throughways or connectors may be used, unless the organizers have received written landowner permission. (Legal trails may not be used for any organized events - final language pending Trails Committee work)
    - Event organizers must submit a route and parking plan to the Planning Commission for approval by the Road Foreman and Planning Commission (and/or Selectboard) at least 30 days in advance of the event. The route and parking plan must include information regarding the mode of use and expected number of participants. Final route information will be shared on the Tunbridge website by the Planning Commission.
    - The Planning Commission, Selectboard, and Road Foreman may require alternate routing as necessary
    - Event organizers must post signs on the actual route at least one week in advance of the event and shall also post notifications to the Tunbridge listserve and Front Porch Forum to ensure residents are aware of the event.
    - Participants should be encouraged to use common sense, keeping participant and resident safety in mind, when on the roads, including staying to one side or moving in single file around corners and adhering to speed limits when going downhill

- Event organizers must carry a liability insurance policy that protects participants and town residents - can the town require this? Does the fairgrounds require some form of liability for events that leave the fairgrounds? Are landowners covered by the state liability protection law if people are paying to participate?

Other outstanding questions:

- Will Class IV roads be assessed before this policy goes into effect or only once route plans are submitted?
- What happens if an event causes significant and/or costly damage? Should we put a clause in this that event organizers must pay for damage as a result of misuse - such as going off road or using non-approved routes? We could possibly also limit the kinds of use by large groups.
- PC recommends reviewing and updating regularly - every three years at a minimum