

## TOWN OF CAVENDISH ORDINANCE RELATING TO SNOWMOBILES

Pursuant to 24 VSA Chapter 59, this ordinance allows snowmobile crossing and travel along certain town roads under certain circumstances as specified herein. All crossings and snowmobile travel upon Cavendish Town Highways as permitted hereby shall be in accordance with the provisions specified in 23 VSA Chapter 29 §3206.

Each November the local snowmobile club will submit a map indicating the location of the five (5) VAST (Vermont Association of Snow Travellers) trails which course through the Town of Cavendish, together with a letter listing the locations on town roads where the VAST trails cross and the roads where the trail is located on a portion of such town highway.

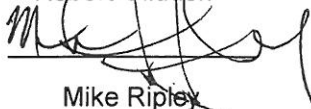
Recognizing that not all areas in town have immediate access to the VAST trails and recognizing that there is no location within the Town of Cavendish where an area is designated for the parking of snowmobile trailers, the Town will allow snowmobiles to travel on the shoulder of town roads for the exclusive purpose of gaining access to the nearest VAST trail.

This permission is for the snowmobile season only, December 16<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>, and only during periods when snow conditions allow the trails to be officially open and, further, the following conditions shall apply:

1. As used in this ordinance "snowmobile" means a vehicle designed to travel over snow in whole or in part by skis, belts and/or cleats. Specifically excluded are all terrain vehicles (ATVs) unless part of a town sanctioned emergency response effort.
2. Travel by snowmobile will be in single file, on the right shoulder of the road, with headlights on, and operated at a reasonable and prudent rate of speed which shall in no case exceed the posted speed limit of the town road. Snowmobiles operated on a town road shall adhere to all Vermont motor vehicle rules and shall yield the right-of-way to wheeled vehicles and pedestrians.
3. The snowmobile driver and any passenger must be wearing proper head gear. The snowmobile must be insured, have a current registration and display a current VAST TMA (Trail Maintenance Assessment) sticker.
4. The registration of a snowmobile does not constitute a license to cross or operate a snowmobile on private lands or private right-of-ways which are not official VAST trails.
5. Any snowmobile operated on a town highway within the terms of this ordinance must be in good repair with lights, mufflers and brakes properly functioning.



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