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I have been paying attention to this issue, although another commitment has kept me from attending Planning Commission meetings. I did attend the "information session" that Heather Marlow put on at CBJ Assembly Chambers and was greatly disappointed in the quality of the noise information she presented. It was clear that CBJ was the co-developer and advocate for this project, instead of being the neutral arbiter of all CBJ residents.

I was particularly concerned about Heather's assertion that the noise of a chain saw was somehow the equal of the noise of a moving ORV and, more to the point, that one chain saw was pretty much equal to many chain saws and, by extension, that one ORV was pretty much the equal of many ORVs. This specious thinking has, fortunately, been countered by the kind of real science that CBJ should have done in the first place. Conclusion: the project will produce more noise than is acceptable in a residential neighborhood.

Similarly, Heather maintained that a caretaker with no police authority would be able to correct, banish and otherwise control activities on the ORV trail and parking lot for more than 12 hours per day, 365 days per year. Heather should have blushed at this point in her presentation. Conclusion: ORV traffic and use will be unregulated most of the time "park" rules and CBJ laws will not be enforced.

If a location must be found for ORVs, it is clear that they should not be permitted any where near residences. And the way ORVs trashed Echo Cove and Dredge Lake show how ORV use of an area deprives other CBJ residents of use of that area. Therefore, ORVs should not be allowed at any area also used by CBJ residents.