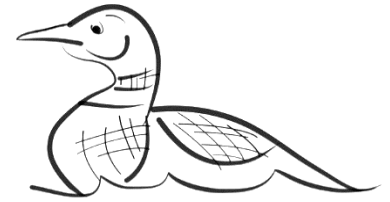


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Rum Ridge Board Meeting

Date: October 13, 2019
Time: 09:05 am
Place: 18 Deer Run Rd.

In attendance:

Jack Sheltmire President
DJ Salmon V. President
Bob Ludwig Secretary
Pete Johnson Board member
Russ Gagnon Board member

Absent:

Peg Wood Board member
Karen Hopkins Treasurer

Jack Sheltmire, Board President, called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 am, October 13, 2019.

LakeSmart

Jack reviewed the written documentation provided to the Board from Jolene Staruch on the benefits of the LakeSmart program. The key points are: it focuses on run-off that deteriorates water quality, it is voluntary, there is no charge for the evaluation, it is conducted by trained volunteers, there is no regulatory body that tells you how to manage your property, it takes about an hour and does not require inside access and it is primarily educational. Jolene (jstaruch@shatterlings.com) offered to discuss the project with anyone interested in taking the next step.

Maine Shoreland Zoning

Jack provided a background on the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) and regulations on clearing vegetation in the Shoreland Zone. Per Keith Smith of LURC, Greenville has adopted and enforces a Shoreland Zone and regulations consistent with LURC requirements. Those requirements have restrictions on the clearing of vegetation within 100' of the water line (the buffer zone). 40% of the volume of trees 4" or more measured 4 ½' above ground level can be removed in any ten year period although no "clear-cut opening" in the forest canopy greater than 250 square feet may be created and a minimum of 24 points must be maintained within each 25' x 50' strip of land. Points are awarded based on existing tree size within the strip (2"-4" = 1 point, 4"-8" = 2 points, 8"-12" = 4 points and 12" or more = 8 points). Vegetation less than 3' and other groundcover must be maintained. A meandering path less than 6' wide is permitted along with removal of dead trees or branches. Due to the complexity of these requirements, Gary Morse, a retired forester, has been hired by some in the past to mark the maximum cutting permitted by this ordinance. The conflict arises since Rum Ridge Association has more restrictive vegetation requirements and many private lots are partially within the

100' buffer zone. Accordingly, Jack suggested a Rum Ridge By-Law be created that would clarify how to address this regulatory conflict.

Road Plow Contract

The scope of a future road plowing contract was discussed in general terms as this is the largest part of the Association budget. No conclusions were made.

Association Work Day

Jack thanked the Board and all or the many volunteer workers that made yesterday's work day one of the most productive ever. Pictures of some of the projects will be posted on our website. Every worker played an important role saving the Association thousands of dollars.

Culverts and Road Conditions

A detailed map and survey of the culvert conditions was discussed. Keeping standing water off the roadways greatly reduces needed maintenance and prolongs their life. Bruce Wood (Woody) was thanked for creating the maps and cleaning many culverts out on his hands and knees. The worst will require future examination and possible replacement. DJ stated that Rum Ridge Road will be looked at to see if an additional grading will be needed before the winter.

With no further business, the motion was made by Russ and approved to adjourn at 10:53am.

Respectfully submitted;

Bob Ludwig, Rum Ridge Association Secretary