



Moosehead Country, Maine

RUM RIDGE ASSOCIATION
A MAINE WOODS COMMUNITY

Dear Rum Ridge Association Member:

According to the Covenants of the Rum Ridge Association, property owners are required to pay an annual assessment. We use this assessment to meet the expenses such as road maintenance, snow removal, dock repairs, taxes and insurance, administrative costs, legal fees and electricity. At the annual meeting on 27 July 2013, members voted to set the assessment for the 2013/14 fiscal year at \$340.00 per lot to meet our annual expenses and to continue planned road improvements. We would appreciate your prompt payment. Payments are due no later than September 30. If we have not received your payment by October 15 a late fee of \$10 per month will be charged.

Our present records list you as the current owner(s) of Rum Ridge property. If this is incorrect, please advise us as soon as possible so that our records may be corrected. If your property is for sale, you are responsible for paying the annual dues, as our fiscal year runs from 1 August to 31 July. At closing, your lawyer should prorate the remaining amount and charge the difference to the new owners.

If you have a problem meeting the due date, or if you need to arrange budget payments, you may request an extension at the address below or email pwood615@gmail.com or Jack.Sheltnire@cortland.edu. Receiving Rum Ridge correspondence electronically helps to lower expenses, so please let us know if you have changed your email address.

Thank you,

Peg Wood, Treasurer

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Please return this portion with your payment.

The annual assessment of **\$340** per lot is due by **15 September 2013**

Please make your check or money order payable to the Rum Ridge Association.

Send to:

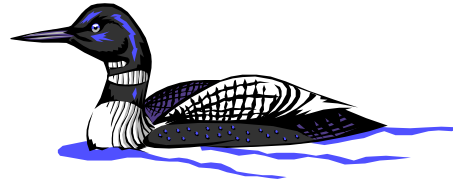
**Rum Ridge Association
PO Box 654
Greenville, ME 04441**

Name: _____ **LOT #:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____



****2013 Annual Meeting Highlights****

Rain on Friday was replaced by sunshine and breeze on Saturday, making for ideal conditions for the Annual Meeting and Picnic. There were 49 lots represented, in person or by proxy, a record turnout for recent years. We thank all of you who attended, sent in a proxy, and/or contributed food for the Picnic to make this day a success!

- ⌚ Rum Ridge roads were graded at a much deeper level to eliminate recurring potholes, and liquid calcium chloride was applied to the first mile of Rum Ridge Road. The Road Committee has a five year plan to upgrade all of the roads in the Association.
- ⌚ Marilyn Gilbert has retired from the Board after more than a decade of service to the Association. Member Bill Casey was elected to fill her position, and Mike Bushman was reelected to another three year term on the Board.
- ⌚ The Dock Committee has completed the replacement of all of the Association docks.
- ⌚ The membership approved a budget of \$32,290 for the 2013/14 fiscal year, resulting in dues of \$340 per lot.
- ⌚ The proposed Bylaws amendment to prohibit, hunting and discharge of firearms and fireworks within the community was not adopted.
- ⌚ A Fall Workday was proposed to trim back the brush along Association roads to improve visibility and prevent road blockage in the event of heavy snow or ice in the winter.
- ⌚ New Picnic Coordinators Dianne Harson and Susan Weston did an outstanding job, providing a meal that was enjoyed by all. Art Pasetchnik once again manned the grill, producing the usual burgers and hotdogs, and this year chicken and again his special sausage.

President's Remarks

The Annual Meeting and the Cookout was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone for their participation. Nearly 50 people, new and old lot owners were at the meeting and stayed for the cook out. It was nice to see everyone socializing at the picnic. Dianne & Lou Harson and

Susan and Jon Weston purchased the meats, beverages and paper goods for the picnic. They also coordinated the entire picnic. In traditional fashion, Art worked his magic on the grill. All in all, it was a great day with more than enough food.

Each of the standing committee's presented their individual reports. Mike Bushman, Chair of the Roads Committee did a good job of explaining the 5 - 6 year road improvement plan. As mentioned previously, all the docks have been built and placed in their proper place. The next phase will focus on dock anchors and new chains. Peg Wood did an excellent job explaining the past and projected annual budget. The 2013-2014 Annual Budget was passed unanimously. Cheryl Brown explained various trail needs. Cheryl met with the volunteer work group the next morning and handed out assignments. At the completion of the work day the trails were in excellent condition.

The subject of discharging firearms and fireworks brought considerable discussion from the members present. At the end of the discussion the general consensus was that we as an Association need to better educate the membership regarding both these areas. The State of Maine and the Town of Greenville currently have laws on the books pertaining to each of the topics. Consequently, we should all make an effort to educate new owners and renters about the regulations.

The Association Board Members and their positions will remain the same. Mike Bushman was re-elected to a 3 year term and will coordinate the Roads Committee. Bill Casey was elected for a 3 year term as a member at large. Marilyn Gilbert stepped down after 10 years of service on the Board. Thank you for all your service over the years. The remaining members of the Board will retain their positions. Peg Wood will continue as Treasurer; D.J. Salmon will remain Vice President, Russ Gagnon will remain Member at Large, Terry Haines will continue as Secretary and I will continue as your President.

The last thing I would like to mention is a fall work day. It will be held on October 13th. The groups will trim overhanging tree limbs along the Rum Ridge and others roads. Please join us ready to work at the Club House at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 13th. Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. A cookout for all participants is scheduled at 5:00 p.m. at the Club House. Patti Sheltmire will coordinate the cookout.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Sheltmire, President
Rum Ridge Association

Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/14

Here is the budget for the new fiscal year as adopted by the members at the Annual Meeting:

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Snow Plowing	\$23,255
Road Maintenance & Improvements	\$4,600
Docks	\$600
Property Tax	\$950

Insurance	\$820
Admin/Office Supplies	\$200
Legal	\$100
Income Tax	\$15
Annual Meeting/Picnic	\$300
Electricity	\$150
Improvements	\$300
Tree Trimming	\$1,000
Budget Total	<u>\$32,290</u>
Dues Per Lot	\$340

Fall Work Day

The Board has scheduled a Fall Work Day to trim trees along the roads. It was decided to do this in the fall because the weather is cooler, members can bring specialized tools to make the job easier, and hopefully we can have a good turn-out without other tasks in competition with this one. The **Work Day** will be **Sunday October 13** (Columbus Day Weekend), starting at 9 am. Bring a bag lunch and plan to work until mid-afternoon. There will be a **Board Meeting** following, 4 pm at the Clubhouse, followed by a **cookout/potluck dinner** for the volunteers, at 5:30 pm.

Board of Directors Contact Information

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*****Missing Kayak*****

Dianne Harson reports that her new Perception kayak, color red and yellow, is missing from the racks at the landing. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of this boat, please contact Dianne (dianneharson@gmail.com; 718-640-3513). Thanks for your help.