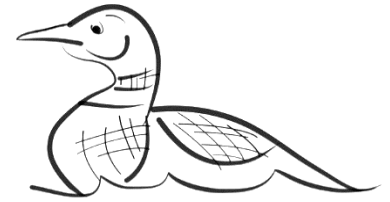


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Summer 2020 Rum Ridge Newsletter President's Remarks

The Association Board recently met for over three hours addressing various aspects and concerns which impact Rum Ridge members. New and old challenges associated with how Rum Ridge provides services and member responsibilities were the primary topics. During the past two years more than 15 properties have changed hands and expectations by both lot owners and renters appear to be growing. Rum Ridge and Greenville have become very popular places to be with respect to the pandemic.

One concern addressed at the previous board meeting was whether or not we would even be allowed to hold an annual meeting. We can and will host the traditional annual meeting as we will fall under the maximum number of participants permitted by the Maine's State CDC guidelines. It will take place at 10 am rain or shine at the pavilion on Saturday July 25th. Unfortunately, due to the guidelines and restrictions, the Association will not be providing food as we have in the past and a shared food table will not occur at the annual picnic that follows the meeting.

Help us by using the provided proxy voting form if for some reason you are unable to attend the annual meeting and return it to me or Bob Ludwig our Secretary. These count toward the required quorum that we need to conduct our annual business so it's a big deal and the Board appreciates your help.

A primary topic to be discussed is the snow plowing contract. Our current plowing contractor has served Rum Ridge for more than 7 years and over this period Mother Nature has provided a significant number of challenges. Years with snow fall above average, years with less snow but replaced by rain and ice means this is not an easy job. Many of you come to Rum Ridge to snowmobile, ski, and ice fish and some rent their property during the winter season. Winter use of the roads and user expectations have increased significantly. There has not been a cost increase in our plowing contract for the past five years. A new contract is being negotiated and will be presented at the annual meeting.

Another topic which seems to be a concern for many is the status of the docks. The Board is looking into alternatives to the existing dock system and area contractors are being contacted for installing and removal pricing. So far, some have looked at the task but no one seems to be interested so alternatives and possible solutions will be discussed at the annual meeting.

The annual summer road maintenance including grading, ditching, stump removal, and resurfacing will all be taking place over the next few weeks.

Best Wishes:

Jack C. Sheltmire, Rum Ridge Board President