

RUM RIDGE ASSOCIATION A MAINE WOODS COMMUNITY



## Winter 2021 Rum Ridge Newsletter President's Remarks

Season's Greetings fellow Rum Ridgers. As I sit here attempting to put this letter together I have just returned from RR and can attest that winter is definitely settling in up there. The weather this weekend brought an ice storm which was handled well by both our contractor and the Town of Greenville. Wilson Pond was completely frozen over but is far from being safe as it had only frozen over a day or two before about a full week or two earlier than last year.

I'd like to say thanks to my fellow Board members for the vote of confidence for electing me to serve as the president of RR. Having served on the RR BOD for about 12 years now I can say that I personally am happy with the way that R.R. is evolving. While changes and improvements to material things like the roads, the pavilion and the docks have all been great and welcome changes through the years, the thing that I find even more remarkable are the changes in the people who make up the RR community. To me over the past few years there is much more of a sense of community amongst the people of RR and a pride in being part of it.

To me that change in the sense of community has shown most evident with the increase in the number of people willing to get involved and help with any number of tasks. Things that range from as simple as helping to clear the trails, to reroofing the clubhouse, or expanding the kayak and canoe storage racks have all drawn numerous enthusiastic and talented volunteers. The number of people who were interested in running for the board at the annual meeting and the turnout for the Fall Workday were both nothing short of amazing. Attendance at events ranging from the annual meeting to the impromptu pot luck suppers, the fall workday etc. have all been on the upswing from what I have witnessed and heard about. People are having fun being involved and it shows. Let's keep that trend rolling!

Whether you are travelling or staying at home this Christmas I wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season. Sincerely,

D.J. Salmon