

**Tassel Top Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 1996**

Members present: Ernie Allen, Steve Crockett, Jim Lewis, Bob Metz,
Steve Swick, Donna Johnson

On a motion from Steve Crockett and seconded by Jim Lewis the agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the June 11, 1996 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The committee chair, Bob Metz requested Ernie Allen to provide Town Manager, Nathan Poore, with a copy of Ernie's cabin rental agreement. The Tassel Top cabin does not have such an agreement and one needs to be created.

A fire extinguisher check has been completed. The two extinguishers checked out fine and a third extinguisher was purchased.

Steve Swick will follow-up on placement of Tassel Top road signs with Nathan Poore.

Andrea Batchelder has been hired as the new gatekeeper.

Evan Gilman continues to work on the nature trail. He is in the process of mounting tree identification signs and received permission to post these on various trees along the trail.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held over the question of granting 3% pay increases to Tassel Top employees. The committee vetoed this and stated it had submitted pay rate recommendations to the selectmen in April, 1996. It was discovered that these rates have not been used and the chair will correct any confusion by contacting Nathan Poore.

Steve Swick's Ranger Report was the next topic. Due to the inclement weather, attendance has been down from the same time last year. Cabin rentals are going well. Two weeks are still available the last of July and first of August. Steve has placed an advertisement in the Portland papers hoping to get these two weeks rented.

There have been some negative comments regarding the new rates; these are from Raymond residents who saw an increase in their cost of admission. There are more season passes being used this year. The committee approved the sale of season passes at the beach as well as at Town Hall.

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The water level remains high and beach space is limited. Judgment would have to be made when to declare the beach at capacity and turn people away.

There was discussion regarding the availability of life saving equipment for emergencies. There was concern that the town would be placed in jeopardy as there are no trained life guards on duty and the policy is swim at your own risk. No action was taken.

Whispering Pines owners, the Burnhams, requested the Maine Department of Transportation to review the exit situation since the state created the turn lane on Route 302. The report remained unchanged from the original, i.e. there are no plans to install a light at that location.

Ernie Allen suggested that the committee may wish to promote Tassel Top during Founders' Day on August, 17. Bob Metz indicated that brochures would be available at the festival site.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

There being no further business Steve Crockett motioned for adjournment; seconded by Jim Lewis. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.