TOWN OF RAYMOND TASSELTOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS JULY 14, 2005

Bob Metz Denis Morse Mike Schwartz Betty McDermott Phyllis Burnham Don Willard

Steve Crockett
Peter Klepsig
Nathan White

The meeting was held at the Raymond Town Office at 7 p.m. and opened with a review of the May 31, 2005 minutes as follows:

- 1. A discussion of mowing issues at the park are still a problem, particularly the slopes and culverts along the paved hill road. Nathan White feels they are damaging to the riding mower and wants that discontinued. These areas need to be mowed for erosion control as well as asthetics. The issue was resolved by the purchase of a weed wacker that Mike and Peter feel will do the job. Mike will finish that project this coming week.
- 2. Members expressed concerns that several of the opening chores and projects have not been completed. Mike expressed his frustrations with weather and help availability and is hoping to hire someone this week. He says the picnic tables and grills will be completed this week.
- 3. Trash collection at the beaches has been an ongoing problem and the topic of confusion and frustration about who is doing it and when. It was learned that Don Alexander is being payed for this job and Mike will contact him about when and how it should be done.
- 4. The snack shack will not be selling hot dogs, etc. this summer, as a visit by the State Health Inspector revealed the shack's lack of sinks, screening and other requirements. Mike is looking into pre-packaged, microwave adaptability of sandwiches that would be allowed.
- 5. The Honor Roll weekend promotion was a success with about 20+ students and families attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Jeremy Egan, Tim Woodbury and Sally Corrill have been hired for gate and snack shack coverage.
- 2. An early to mid-August "Stargazing" evening event was presented by Mike. With the assistance of the USM Southworth Planetarium and the Greater Bridgton Astronomy Club, Tasseltop would host two or three evenings of star gazing to coincide with the August Leonid Meteor Showers. Families or individuals would sign up at the snack shack and pay in advance the evening rate. The shack would be open during the event and the Ranger and staff would be on duty. By knowing in advance who and how many would attend, the Astronomy Club would provide telescope stations and guides. Participants would be permitted to bring lawn chairs, sleeping bags and picnics for the night. The press would be invited to cover the event. This has not yet been formalized with the above organizations.
- 3. Pete has agreed to assume responsibilities for bookkeeping and financial aspects to allow Mike more time for maintanence duties.

- 4. A discussion of problems of vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the hill road was resolved with an agreement to install elevated (removable) speed tables. Nathan White will order and install them.
- 5. Purchase of an employee punch clock was suggested and approved. (Phyllis checked at Staples and found that the least expensive and simple model was cost prohibitive at \$230.00 + materials + tax.) This was put on hold after checking with Bob Metz.
- 6. The Orkin pest control outfit has been hired to spray and maintain the rental complex. The cost is \$300 for the initial operation with three follow-ups at \$150 each.
- 7. The Raymond Appropriation Control Report for the year ending 6/30/05 was presented and distributed to members. A few final invoices were still outstanding. Receipts totaled \$39502.65 and expenses \$37107.47.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at the Tasseltop main cottage.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Burnham