

KAA Sept. 26, 2008 business meeting summary

- 1) Discussed nominations for election of officers at October 24, 2008 business meeting.
- 2) A final work session has been scheduled for Sunday October 19th at 10am to mow the field, mark trees affecting observing for removal, finish staining of trim, apply wood preservative to sill plates and roof supports, secure nails that have come loose from metal roof, install water shield at north west corner of building, install new roof brackets, install new door lock, and etc.
- 3) Indicated that a reminder had been sent out about the 2009 dues.
- 4) KAA received a request from the Keene Public Library to be a part of a grant request from the American Library Assoc. for a six week exhibit called the "Vision of the Universe", which we accepted. If they receive the grant KAA will be providing a presentation, stargazing events and assistance on field trips for kids K – 8.
- 5) Discussed determining and correcting the 12.5" telescope frame or eyepiece holder so that when the eyepiece holder is moved to various positions it still aligns with the finder scope.
- 6) Jim Faux indicated that the photo's taken by Keith's CCD camera at the observatory were now posted on our web site.
- 7) We are still looking for a push lawn mower.
- 8) Topics club members would like to have instructions and discussions on after our business meetings are: Instructions on how to use the finder scope and telrad, how to do coordinate telescope viewing, how to collimate a telescope and align the finder scope with the primary and secondary mirrors, instructions on the proper eye piece selection sequence and filtering for proper viewing.
- 9) Jim Fox will do a presentation on the 0 to 6th hour of the night sky after our business meeting October 24th at KSC.
- 10) A meeting with the West Dummerston town residents, Power Company and the Energy Committee on September 29th provided much discussion and information about the replacement lamps and fixtures options available when the existing mercury vapor fixtures fail. At this time everyone agreed to maintain the existing mercury vapor light system and to deal with replacement on an individual basis when a fixture(s) failure occurs.
- 11) The lighting initiative for the club has been put on hold. The reason is a newly formed very active NH IDA group, with plenty of manpower, is pursuing dark sky legislation at the state level that may include town ordinances, which may be a duplication of our work. Once we know exactly what their objectives are, we'll then determine whether we need to pursue local legislation or not.