

## KAA May 16, 2008 business meeting summary

- 1) The Obsession Telescope 15" mirror was mailed on May 8<sup>th</sup> to Optical Mechanics whom received it on May 14<sup>th</sup>. No word to date on their test findings.
- 2) The KAA Bylaws have been approved and will be posted on our web site.
- 3) The new declination setting circle was installed on the 12 1/2 " Newtonian telescope May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The only outstanding item is the installation of the pointer, which needs to be modified for proper mounting.
- 4) Staining of the Observatory exterior siding and general maintenance work was postponed from May 17<sup>th</sup> until Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> due to a rainy forecast.
- 5) Several members of the club have contacted the local town officials to obtain their current outdoor lighting regulations. We are in the process of reviewing this information and evaluating what recommendations we can make to help promote dark-sky practices. This work is still in process.
- 6) Our dark-sky initiative in the town of Dummerston, VT has led to the testing of new full cut-off and semi cut-off street light fixtures with metal halide lamps to replace the existing non cut-off fixtures with mercury vapor lamps. The test has been completed. Unfortunately, the metal halide light was too sharp and penetrating for such a rural setting where the streets are narrow and the houses are close to the road. In addition, with the large distance between the two test lights there was a large dark area on the road compared to the non cut-off fixtures. A meeting with the town officials, residents and power company will be held in the near future to address what other lighting options are available.