

*Jon Allen on Individuality (shortened)*

It is said that it was on Plymouth Mountain where Robert Frost encountered the yellow wood that he would later write about in *The Road Less Traveled*, saying: “And I; I took the road less traveled by. And that has made all the difference.” Over the years these words and the experiences I have had on the side of Plymouth Mountain, at Pasquaney, have taken root in me, ultimately forming who it is that I am. We are the sum of all our parts. Every decision we make is a step in a direction that we have chosen to take, and these acts eventually become our destiny. It is true that you can’t change the condition of the seas you sail, but you are the one who has control of the helm and what course you take. So, what does this mean to a person in a community like Pasquaney where everyone dresses alike and follows the same schedule? Whereas at a glance Pasquaney is a homogenous place, it is in actuality an apt environment for developing your own individuality and personality – your navigator, so to speak. At Pasquaney we do not rely on appearances or possessions to define who we are but, rather, our actions define us.