

The annual meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association was held Tuesday, August 23rd, 1938, by the invitation of Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Holloway, at their residence, EVERGREEN, (formerly Oneida Lodge) on Rustic Way.

The meeting was called to order at 3.20 by the President, Dr. C. C. Woodruff. At the suggestion of the President, each one present arose and gave his name, address, name of cottage and number of years on the Ridge. Dr. Frank Russell, Chairman of the Condolence Committee, presented the Committee's report listing the passing of Rev. James M. Lent, Dr. Frank D. Torrey, Mrs. Homer Bañton, Mr. Albert Reynolds, Mr. Ballou.

At this point, the President called on Dr. J. L. Peacock to offer prayer, remembering the families of the bereaved. The President asked H. W. Doremus to act as Secretary pro tem in the absence of Secretary Francis L. Jones, due to sickness in his family.

The Secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting of August 18, 1937, which were received, approved without correction and ordered placed on file. Reports of the various standing committees were called for as follows:

- Road Committee - - - - - Mr. Duncan
- Milk Committee - - - - - Mrs. Jenkins
- Garbage Committee - - - - - Mrs. Schmadeke

These reports were received and, on motion, approved. Rev. W. H. Giebel made report on the renting of houses.

President Woodruff reported on his special trip to Northfield to attend the annual town meeting in the interest of the residents on Rustic Ridge, with a view to harmonizing the feelings of the townspeople and non-resident summer visitors and to secure for the Ridge a recognition of the importance to the Town of a satisfied summer community. The direct purpose of the President's attendance

at the Town Meeting was:

- 1 - To obtain the widening and improving of North Lane. (This has been done, though not yet entirely completed).
- 2 - To get the Town to vote a through town road running from North Lane to The Highlands and connecting with the town road there. (This has been authorized by unanimous vote).
- 3 - To stir up sentiment for a good swimming place. (There are some gains here, but that matter is still pending)

A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Dr. Woodruff for his special services thus rendered.

The Executive Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1 - That the tax rate for the coming year be as formerly (On motion this was passed unanimously)
- 2 - The the Association approve the building of the new road by the Town, on the Third Ridge. (On motion this was passed unanimously)
- 3 - That we appropriate fifty dollars to help fight the gypsy moth. (Dr. Woodruff spoke of the ravages of the gypsy moth. This was unanimously passed with instructions that the money be placed directly in the hands of the Tree Warden)
- 4 - That we elect as Road Trustees, Mr. Myron Dunnell, Chairman, the president, vice president, Chairman of the present Road Committee and Mr. Ambert Moody.
- 5 - That the Rev. W. H. Giebel, renting agent for the Ridge houses, be elected for the ensuing year. (On motion this was carried unanimously) The President, for the members, expressed appreciation of his faithful services.

The Treasurer's report for June 15, 1937 to August 15, 1938 (14 months) was presented by the Rev. Philip T. Phelps, who had been appointed to act in the continued absence of the Treasurer, Rev. A. J.

Crooks. It showed that, starting with a balance of \$230.75, the receipts had been \$622.63 (\$20 of which was for new electric connections) making total cash in the Treasury \$853.38. The expenditures, read in detail, were \$372.94, leaving a balance on hand of \$480.44. The President expressed in warm terms the appreciation of the willingness of Mr. Phelps to step into the breach and to carry on the work.

Mr. Francis L. Jones presented his resignation as Secretary on account of the illness in his family. It was voted to accept the resignation with regret and the Secretary was, on motion, instructed to write him a suitable letter.

The Nominating Committee, through its Chairman, Dr. J. L. Peacock, presented its report as follows:

President-----	Rev. C. C. Woodruff
Vice President	Rev. W. H. DesJardines
Secretary-----	Rev. W. A. Dweissler
Treasurer-----	Rev. Philip T. Phelps

*Secy. Rev. C. M. Ackerman*

On motion, The Committee's report was approved by the unanimous election of the above officers. The following Standing Committees were, on motion, reappointed:

ROAD COMMITTEE - - Rev. Thomas J. Duncan, Chairman  
Dr. Woodford D. Anderson  
Mr. L. A. Polhemus

MILK COMMITTEE - - Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Chairman  
Miss Lucy Jackson  
Miss Therese Simar

GARBAGE COMMITTEE Mrs. Bessie Schmadeke, Chairman,  
Mrs. Dr. Elizabeth MacIntire  
Rev. D. O. Cowles

TREE TRIMMING COM. Rev. A. L. Berger, Chairman  
Mrs. C. D. Cregar  
Dr. W. H. Bollman

AUDITING COMMITTEE *H. W. Doremus*  
Captain John Wisdom, Chairman  
Mrs. W. D. Anderson

CONDOLENCE COMMIT. Rev. Frank Russell, Chairman  
Mrs. Harriett Bruce  
Miss Josephine Moody

HOSPITALITY COM. Mrs. P. B. Holloway, Chairman  
Rev. Ackerman *Mrs. L. Hommedieu*  
Mrs. W. H. Voorhies  
Miss Louise Roe Mrs. Louise Barnes La

AGENT - - - Rev. W. H. Giebel

On motion, the President was requested to attend again the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Northfield in the interest of the Rustic Ridge Association. This was passed unanimously.

Mr. Duncan presented a requested for a formal vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, to our President DR. C. C. Woodruff for his faithful services in the interest of our Association. The motion was put by the Secretary and carried unanimously.

Under the head of NEW BUSINESS, Mr. Herbert Stone suggested that attention should be given to the draining of the Glen Road swamp. The Executive Committee already have the matter in hand. Dr. Peacock spoke at length of the insufficient water supply, and was supported by Mrs. Jenkins. After general discussion and several suggestions, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, that the members of the Rustic Ridge Association go on record as protesting against the low pressure of water on Rustic Ridge. It not only makes for inconvenience, but is a health menace and constitutes a fire hazard. It is hereby ordered that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee to confer with the officers of the East Northfield Water Company, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the said Water Company.

Dr. Woodruff spoke in appreciation of the fine protective work of the Police Department Headquarters, Shelburne Falls and there were individual expressions.

A unanimous vote of appreciation was given to Rev. and Mrs. P.B. Holloway, our gracious host and hostess. On motion of Rev. W. H. DesJardines, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

(H. W. Doremus, Acting Secretary.