

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic  
Ridge Association, Aug. 15, 1944, at the home of the Chas. Cregar.

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Pres. A. L. Berger.

Prayer was offered by Treasurer, W. H. Desjardins.

In the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. Robt. Aylesworth,

W. Atkins was appointed Secretary pro tem.

1. Carried that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted, subject to the editing of the Executive Com.

The Ridge Rules for Owners and Renters was read as required by the By-laws.

Report of Treas. Mr. Desjardins showed a balance to date of \$764. +, and was accepted.

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Executive Com. was read and accepted.

Report of Auditing Com. <sup>was</sup> read and accepted with thanks to Treas. Desjardins for his careful

and efficient services.

2. Carried that the Ridge Assn Tax for 44-5 be 1% of the Town Assessment for 1940 or 1943 whichever is lower.

3. Carried that the next annual meeting be held at 2:30 P. M. on the Tuesday following the Tent Conference, or in case none is held, on the third Tuesday in August 1945.

4. Carried that it is the sense of this meeting of the Rustic Ridge Assn that this association should be incorporated, and the Executive Com. is authorized to take the necessary steps, the expense to be born by the Treasury.

5. Carried that the Executive Com. is authorized to offer our Association's electric light wires and poles to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company.
6. Carried that Mr. Wm. Hoehn be reappointed as Ridge Representative for the ensuing year.
7. Carried. That a Legal Committee be appointed with power to act, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

### Reports of Committees

Report of the Ridge Representative was given by W. H. Hoehn. He stated that members unjustly assessed by the Town of Northfield should take up said matter with our Executive Com. immediately, after which the Northfield assessors will be glad to meet with our Executive and consider the latter's recommendations.

Hospitably Committee. Mrs. Bollenman reported they would be seen in action a little later.

Mosquitoes Com. Mr. Atkins reported waters oiled in July and arrangements already made for early oiling in 1945 - and hopes for progress in drainage in the near future.

Milk Com. Miss Jackson reported satisfactory service.

Road Com. Mr. Duncan reported extensive repairs and improvements, <sup>greatly aided by the effective cooperation of Mr. Geo. Carz</sup> with further plans for 1945. Report accepted with especial thanks to Mr. Duncan.

8. Carried that the Road Committee be authorized to spend a maximum of \$300 during the coming year.

Social Committee. The report was made by Miss Livingston in the absence of the chairman owing to the illness of her aunt. Miss Pedley, that plans for a social to raise Road funds were under way.

Tree Committee. Dr. Holloway asked for definition of the committee's duties. <sup>Approved</sup> Methods of cooperation of the committee and lot owners were stated by former committee members.

Dr. McEntire asked for aid in fighting the gypsy moth. Mr. Carr as watchful sleep man promised such aid, and stated that Mr. Frank Anderson of Warwick Road is our local Tree Commissioner and will supply creosote paint on application.

Garbage Removal. Mrs. Knight reported removal, as usual, twice weekly by Mr. Morse.

Sign and Directory Com. Mr. Cregar reported considerable progress in improvement of road signs on the bridge, with plans for further changes.

Necrology. Dr. Cowles called on Mrs. La Bella to read obituaries of Mrs. Henrietta Bruce, and of her daughter Miss Dorothy Bruce, both deceased within a week of one another almost a year ago now.

<sup>Cowles</sup> He followed with the reading of an obituary of Rev. Wm Deisser written by his college classmate and District Superintendent Dr. Parker B. Holloway.

9. Carried that all committee reports be accepted and approved with thanks.

10. Carried that we send greetings thru our corresponding secretary to absentee sick members including Miss Alvie Redley, Mrs. Francis Jones, Mr. Roger Woodruff and Uncle Phil (Rev. Philip Phelps).

11. Carried on recommendation of the nominating committee and others that a new and permanent standing committee called the Recreation Com. be appointed whose duty it shall be to facilitate out-of-door recreation both organized and unorganized.

President's Report was read by Dr. A. L. Berger summarizing some of the highlights of the year's work. Report was received with a rising vote of thanks.

12. Carried that any matters of <sup>an unfair</sup> ~~the~~ revision be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Mr. Hoehn reported on an unsatisfactory road condition at the rear of Dr. Cowles' house.

Nominating Com. report was read by Mr. Atkins with Mr. A. G. Moody in the chair, listing the following officers and committees for the year 1944-5. # See p. 6 of minutes.

13. Carried that the report be accepted and adopted.
14. Carried that payment of all maintenance bills on the Bruce Cottage be authorized at the discretion of the Treasurer.
15. Carried that the Executive should do its utmost to encourage the holding of the General Annual Conference here in 1945.

Dr. Cowles expressed the hope that, family conditions permitting, the next annual meeting of the Rustic Ridge Assn could be entertained at his home.

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A meeting of the Executive Com. was called for Wed. the 23rd at 4:00 P.M.

16. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.
17. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. Atkins Sec. pro tem.