

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held August 12, 1952 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by the President, Dr. William H. Bollman.

Rev. Thomas Kidd opened the meeting with prayer.

Call for meeting was read by Ass't. Clerk- Miss Gertrude Lauber.

Word of greeting was extended to new members both active and associate, also to all renters and guests.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

Auditing Committee - Mr. Thomas Duncan, Chmn. reported that the books and records of the Clerk and Treasurer were examined and found correct and in excellent condition.

Voted to receive report of Auditing Committee and place on file.

Report of Treasurer - Miss Ruth Card showed a balance of \$855.12 and balance in unused designated appropriations accounts \$507.95 leaving a balance of \$347.17 in the General Fund.

Voted that report of treasurer be received, approved and placed on file.

Report of President - Dr. William H. Bollman read a report summarizing some of the highlights of the year's progress. Following the routine and pattern of previous years, insect control, waste collection, road maintenance and improvement and gathering and disbursement of Ridge Association funds were carried on in the usual manner. In road building - real progress was made. The Road Committee hopes to have every used road on the Ridge permanently hard surfaced and paved by the end of 1954. Our Woodruff Way paving has been extended right through to join the paved section of town road in Mountain Park. The Necrology Committee, headed by our former president, Dr. Berger, reported to the president, Dr. Bollman, as follows:- the following Ridge Members passed away during the past year, Dr. Woodford Anderson, Mrs. Louise Barnes Labella and Mr. Howard S. Harris. Other friends mentioned were Mr. Edward Kraft; the Rev. Ellis E. Jones; Mrs. Lena Moore; Rev. C.J. Culp. A brief period of silent prayer was observed. The president noted among Rustic Ridge achievements was the Northfield Continuation General Conference held from August 3rd thru 10th. The Conference was very successful.

Voted to receive president's report with thanks and to commend our president for time he has expended in promoting and conducting the Northfield Continuation General Conference.

Report of Clerk * Mr. William Hoehn reported that all roads are now owned by the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. The Quitclaim Deed which the Rustic Ridge Assoc. holds has been recognized by the Northfield School for Girls and the trusteeship of roads has been relinquished by them.

Voted that President write a letter to State Police requesting that more visits be made on Rustic Ridge during winter months.

Reports of Committees

Road Committee - Dr. Francis L. Jones, Chmn. reported that the top ridge, Cliff Road, Mountain Road and the upper end of Ledge Way will soon receive a first coat of oil. Graveling and ditching have already been completed on these roads, preparatory to oiling. Two culverts have been installed on Ledge Way and ditches deepened in an effort to harness the waters of the Mississippi.

During the coming year we hope to put a second coat of oil on the above named ridges. This work will nearly complete our program of hard-surfaced roads for Rustic Ridge. The drainage system along Ledge Way will need further attention and ditching will be necessary on the upper side of Heath Lane.

After 1953 our principal problems will be flood-control and resurfacing of already constructed roads.

The Road Committee suggests that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield for completing the work of hard-surfacing Woodruff Way.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to send letter to Selectmen of Northfield as recommended by Road Committee.

Voted to accept Road Committee report with sincere thanks.

Tree Committee - Mr. C.J. Broadhead, Chmn. reported that more people are clearing away the brush from their properties and it is hoped that in the near future all will follow the suggestion of this committee to keep brush under control. In other words; "when in doubt, cut it out."

Voted to receive Tree Committee report and place on file.

Insect Control - Mrs. John Hann, Jr., Chmn. reported that one thorough spraying on July 21st was made.

The Tree Company recommends that all low brush be cut away for more effective control of insects.

The gypsy moth which is prevalent in most areas seems to be absent on the Ridge, which also can be attributed to the annual sprayings.

Recreation Committee - Rev. Thomas Kidd, Chmn. announced the Annual Ridge Picnic to be held at Mt. Grace Reservation on Thursday, August 21st at 4:00 P.M.

Road Signs and Directory - Mr. William Hoehn reported in the absence of Mr. Kenneth Page, that name boards and directory were removed in the fall, a coat of paint applied on same and all replaced again in the spring. Mr. Sanderson has been asked to erect additional poles to hold name signs.

Waste Removal - Miss Lucy Jackson, Chmn. reported that waste removal contract was given to Mr. Eugene Miller.

Social and Hospitality Committee - Mrs. Parker Holloway reported that the committee had not functioned thus far this year.

Miss Alice Lane reported on the final social of the season 1951 held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody. It was a delightful evening's entertainment. She also reported the sum of \$2.11 to be turned over to new chairman of Social Committee.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that all Committee reports be received and placed on file.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Budget for the year 1952-53 as presented in the Treasurer's report and recommended by the Board of Directors be adopted.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Active Members Dues of Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. for the year 1952-53 be $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the Town Valuation for 1952.

Report of Nominating Committee was read by Mrs. John Hann, Chmn.

President - Dr. William H. Bollman
Vice Pres. - Mr. John Hann, Jr.
Treasurer - Mr. Clarence Scott, Jr.
Clerk - Mr. William Hoehn
Ass't. Clerk - Mrs. Merwin Jenkins
Directors - Rev. Robert Heydenreich
Dr. Francis L. Jones
Miss Maude Curtis
Mr. C. J. Broadhead

Motion made and seconded that nominations be closed and one ballot be cast by clerk.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the following members be asked to serve on various committees.

(List of Committees on seperate sheet.)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to extend a vote of thanks to all Officers and Directors who have so faithfully served our Association during the year.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to extend a rising vote of thanks to Dr. Bollman for his excellent work in promoting and conducting the Northfield Continuation General Conference.

It was noted that three feet either side of Rustic Ridge roads should be kept clear of brush. Inasmuch as the roads belong to our Association any member has authority to cut brush that extends in the road bed.

After a suitable appreciation by the President to the Trinitarian Congregational Church for the use of their church for our annual meeting motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Meeting was closed by the singing of Blest Be The Tie That Binds, prayer was offered by Dr. Arthur L. Berger.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertunde K. Lauber
Assistant Clerk

William F. Hoehn
Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Franklin

This is to certify that William F. Hoehn, elected Clerk of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. of East Northfield made oath before me for the faithful performance of his duties in behalf of the said Rustic Ridge Association this 16th day of August 1952.



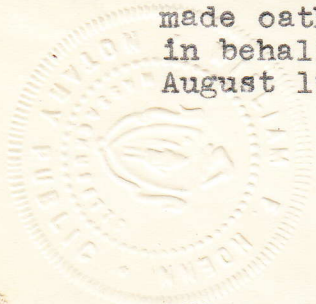
William F. Hoehn

Notary Public
com expires July 10 1953

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Franklin

This is to certify that Mrs. Merwin Jenkins, elected assistant Clerk of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. of East Northfield made oath before me for the faithful performance of her duties in behalf of the said Rustic Ridge Association this 18th day of August 1952.



William F. Hoehn

Notary Public
com expires August 2, 1957

Officers and Directors of the Rustic Ridge Association, elected at the annual meeting, August 12th 1952 to serve one year or until their successors shall have been elected. They shall be responsible for the work of the Association as conducted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Signatures of acceptance are hereby attached.

William F. Hoehn

John H. Hann Jr

Clarence W. Scott, Jr.

William F. Hoehn

Mrs Merwin Jenkins

C. J. Broadhead

Maudie B. Curtis

Robert Heydenreich

Francis L. Jones