

RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 11, 1953

The Meeting held at the Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield was called to order at 3 P.M. by the President, Dr. William Boehman.

Rev. Mark Ray opened the Meeting with a prayer.

Call for Meeting was read by the Clerk, Mr. Hoehn.

Word of greeting was extended to Members and friends. Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Parker, who are here from British Guiana, and new owners of the Roe Cottage, were introduced.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting.

Report of President: Dr. Boehman in his report summarized not only the past years achievements but in his factual yet humorous way compared today to 25 years ago and stressed the blessings and advantages of having worked together as an Association. Insect control, waste removal, year round representative and our fine roads, at far less expense than had they been attempted individually, all "make for good healthy, happier, inexpensive trouble free vacation living". The Association has turned over this year to the Western Massachusetts Electric Light & Power Co. all poles, lines, rights and responsibilities to assure us of adequate and continuous service. The budget was prepared with an accompanying tax rate of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the last printed evaluations. With the many material gains looking very large to us, Dr. Boehman felt the Association's greatest contribution in the past few years was the preservation of the Northfield General Conference and the permanent future in the able hands of the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches. After our petitions in 1950 to the Northfield Schools, much thoughtful and prayerful work was done by Dr. Boehman and the Northfield Continuation Conference was held in both 1951 and 1952. Dr. Boehman read a letter to the National Council of Churches expressing our thanks for taking over the Conference and gave the Association credit in a large measure for having been a major motivating force in its continuation. He thanked the Officers, Chairmen and workers who, during his three years of stewardship, had made his aims easier to carry out.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to receive the President's report with out grateful thanks and make it a part of the Annual Meeting Minutes.

Necrology Committee: Report by Dr. Berger gave the following Members who had passed on during the last year: Richard E. Peebles, Mrs. D.B. Tompkins, Charles Johnson, Mrs. Philip Payne, Mrs. Elbert Stearns and our beloved Mrs. Ambert G. Moody. A moment of silent prayer was observed with benediction.

Auditing Committee: Mr. Thomas Duncan, Chairman, reported records of Treasurer were examined and complimented Mr. Scott on the complete and accurate job he has done for the Association.

Report of Treasurer: Complete report attached and accepted with corrections of typographical errors - Bruce Fund \$370. 53/54 Budget-Roads \$500.

Road Committee: Mr. Duncan read Dr. Jones report. First coat on Cliff Road, Mountain Road and Ledge way. Also shoulders on Ledge way built up. Hope to get second coat on yet this year and take care of ditching and paving Heath Lane. Each owner was asked to keep brush cut low at least three feet from paving. Mr. Duncan gave a brief history of the petitioning of the Town to take over Woodruff Way and obtaining the easments, so now we have a town road running from North Lane to the Highlands. A letter of thanks was asked to be sent Dr. Jones for his years on Road Committee.

Tree Committee: Mr. Broadhead reported trees were in very good condition and spoke of the fine clearing job done by Mr. & Mrs. Wells and the Misses Fenson. The question of fire alarm signals was referred to the Board for solution. Rev. Ray asked that Amite for ivy spraying be gotten this year.

Insect Control: Mrs. John Hann, Jr., Chairman. Two sprayings this year. Creasote for painting for gypsy moth is available now and a 12% D.D.T. spraying will be done in early May, 1954. This in addition to the two regular ones.

Recreation: Rev. Ray announced the Ridge Picnic would be on Tuesday, August 18 at Mt. Grace. The invitation of Mrs. Powell to use her place for a picnic was referred to Board.

Social & Hospitality: Miss Erb., no report.

Directory Committee: Mr. Hoehn reported all signs were painted this year and three posts already have been placed. New drawing in frame for next year. Additional "private way" signs and "one way" signs will be placed where needed.

Waste Removal: Mrs. Schmadeke reported 23 collections this year. More will be needed in June next year. Referred to the Board for transfer of unused funds to cover additional collections if necessary. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept the reports of Chairmen and place them on file.

Budget 1953-54 and attending tax rate of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$:

Printing, post and clerical	\$25.00
Ridge representative	50.00
Waste removal	175.00
Road Sign & Directory	35.00

Budget 1953-54 (continued)

Corporate Tax	\$ 2.00
Insect Control	150.00
Road Improvement	500.00
	<u>\$937.00</u>

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept the 53-54 Budget and the attending tax rate of 1 1/2% of current assessments.

Nominating Committee: Dr. W. C. Chapin, Chairman, read the following slate:

- President - Mr. John Hann, Jr.
- Vice President - Rev. Thomas Kidd
- Treasurer - Mr. Clarence Scott, Jr.
- Clerk - Mr. William Hoehn
- Assistant Clerk - Mrs. Merwin S. Jenkins
- Directors - Mr. J.C.C.J Broadhead
- Miss Maude Curtis
- Rev. Mark Ray
- Rev. Henry McKnight

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Clerk cast a ballot for the slate as presented by the Committee.

Dr. Chapin further announced the Committees for 1953-54:

- ROAD - Mr. Clarence Scott, Jr., Chairman
- Mr. Frank Harmon
- Rev. Thomas Kidd
- Mr. John Hann, Jr.

- TREASURER TREES - Mr. George Loos, Chairman
- Mr. Fred Trasher
- Rev. Parker Holloway
- Dr. W. C. Chapin

- RECREATION - Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Poole, Chairman
- Dr. Charles Crane
- Rev. John Moore
- Mr. Hoyt Chapin

- SOCIAL & HOSPITALITY - Mrs. William Boehman, Chairman
- Mrs. Parker Holloway
- Mrs. Walter Chapin

- INSECT CONTROL - Mrs. John Hann, Jr.

- WASTE REMOVAL - Mrs. John Schmadeke, Chairman
- Mr. William Hoehn

- DIRECTORY & ROAD SIGNS - Mr. Kenneth Page, Chairman
- Mr. William Hoehn

- NECROLOGY - Dr. Austin Berger, Chairman
- Mrs. Chas. Cregar
- Mrs. W. D. Anderson

and were referred to the Board and President for acceptance and appointment.

Dr. Boehman asked for a letter to Rev. Reeves.

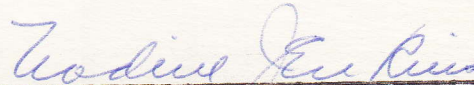
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that a letter be sent Rev. Reeves thanking him for the use of the church for our Meeting.

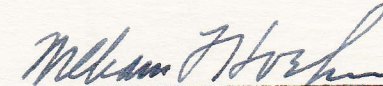
Dr. Boehman asked each member to sign the inspection slips left by the State Police and return them with thanks to State Police Barracks at Shelburne Falls. He also asked a letter of appreciation be sent by Assistant Clerk to the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield for their help in making Woodruff Way a town road. It was so moved and seconded.

The invitation of Mrs. Charles Cregar for next year's Meeting was referred to the Board.

Meeting was closed at 4:50 P. M. with "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and benediction by Dr. Boehman.

Respectfully submitted


Assistant Clerk


Clerk