

1956

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held August 11th, 1956 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by the President, Mr. John Hann, Jr.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mark Ray.

Call for meeting was read by the clerk, Mr. William F. Hoehn.

Word of greeting was extended to new members, Mr. A.R. Parker, Jr. who has purchased the Payne cottage and to Miss Veronica McKiernan who has purchased the LaBella cottage.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Acting Assistant Clerk, Gertrude Lauber.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was voted that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read.

Report of President - Mr. John Hann Jr. gave the following report:-

1. Too few realize the amount of work performed in association's behalf by your committees, and officers during their precious vacation hours. Joint action as an association enables us to have such an enjoyable summer "refuge".
2. The Board of Directors is recommending continuation of the 1% tax rate based on the 1952 valuation.
3. Nine (9) fire gongs are still available and may be purchased at \$2.00 each.
4. Negotiations are underway to have the town:
  - \* a. Replace guard fence at entrance.
  - \* b. Remove rocks near Anderson's and lower the bank- requires lowering water pipe.
  - \* c. Cut brush early in season.
  - \* d. Grant permission to move directory back and provide space for a car to pull in.
  - e. Widen North Lane between 2d and 3d Ridge.
  - \* f. Remove stumps near entrance.

(\* Approved by Selectmen

5. We were unable to get our scheduled road work done, because of the pressure of their other work at the Northfield Schools. Fill, cold patching, and gutter cleaning was conducted.
6. I wish to thank the directors, officers and committee members for their fine support and help during my "tour of duty" as President. Mr. Hoehn, our efficient clerk, deserves special thanks for the way he handled the extra burden placed upon him by the absence of Alice Lane, Assistant Clerk. Mr. Scott also deserves special recognition for his work as Treasurer.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the President's report be received with thanks.

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. W.D. Anderson reported the following members and friends who passed away during the year:- John P. DesJardins, Dr. Arthur L. Berger, Miss Martha C. Strippel, Miss Lola M. Dodge, Mrs. Paul Gleason, Mrs. R.I. Watson.

After the reading of Necrology report Rev. Mark Ray led in prayer.

Auditing Committee: - Mr. Thomas J. Duncan reported that the books of the Treasurer had been examined and were found to be correct, complete and in excellent order.

Report of Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Scott showed a balance of \$1357.65 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1956. Report received with thanks.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the Proposed Budget for 1956-57 be adopted with the following change - Ridge Representative \$75.00 instead of \$50.00. (Proposed Budget included in Treasurer's Report on separate sheet)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted that the Active Members' Dues of Rustic Ridge Association Inc. for the year 1956-57 be 1% of the Town Valuation for 1955. (This being last published report.)

#### Reports of Committees

Road Committee - Dr. Walter Chapin reported that the road work had been retarded because of inability of Northfield Schools to provide road services. This being a temporary situation close contact will be maintained with the school. The program of necessity will consist of Emergency work, maintenance - cleaning, etc., improvements. The budget of \$350-500 is to enable us to fully utilize the services if and when available to us. Private sources will be investigated as needed.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to accept this report.

Tree Committee - No Report

Insect Control - Mrs. John Hamm, reported that the usual three sprayings for flies and mosquitoes were carried out early in June, July and August. Total cost was \$150.00. Committee recommends the same program for next year.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to accept this report with thanks.

Recreation Committee - No Report

Road Signs & Directory - Dr. Chapin reported in the absence of Kenneth Page that all signs are in place on the roads and replacements have been made. Many need repainting and some changes must be made before next season. Large sign at Birnam Road is to be renewed and the Directory will be moved back four feet, two trees removed and ground leveled. This will enable cars to park and study the map.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to accept this report.

Waste Removal - Mrs. Bessie Schmadeke, reported that Mr. Robert Rogers Jr., was awarded the contract for collecting garbage and has proved to be fully competent and capable. Printed cards were distributed to all members stating dates and time of collections.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to accept this report.

Nominating Committee - Dr. Walter C. Chapin gave the following report:-

President - Rev. Mark Ray  
Vice Pres. - Rev. John Moore  
Clerk - Mr. William F. Hoehn  
Ass't. Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber  
Treasurer - Mr. Clarence Scott Jr.  
Directors - Dr. Charles Crain

Mr. Merrill Keith  
Mrs. W. D. Anderson  
Mr. Kenneth Page

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted 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 separate sheet.)

Suggested that President include in his Annual Letter a word to the effect that residents furnish covered garbage cans on their premises if they desire to leave same at edge of roads.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that clerk express ~~out~~ thanks to the Trinitarian Congregational Church for the use of their building for our Annual Meeting.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Rules of Rustic Ridge be revised, printed and included in the President's annual letter.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that Board of Directors act upon recommendation that our Annual Meeting be held on another day rather ~~than~~ Saturday morning.

(Showing of hands of those present, 13 - Saturday, 9 - other day, 21 - no preference.)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that we hold a social function during the summer on a day other than one set aside for Annual Meeting.

Miss Veronica McKiernan extended an invitation to all Ridge friends to visit her on August 26th when she would hold open house from 3 to 5 P.M.

Recommended that Board of Directors contact Telephone Company in regard to having the telephone on 6th Ridge re-activated.

Word of good wishes and Godspeed on their way was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Harmon who have sold their cottage to Rev. Caryl V. Benson.

There being no further business, motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

Meeting was closed by the singing of "Elest Be The Tie That Binds",  
Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Alexander Babos.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gertrude Lauber*  
Assistant Clerk

*William F. Stosh*

Clerk

*42 Present (30 cottages)*