

1957

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc.
held ^{TUESDAY} August 13th, 1957 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church of
East Northfield.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Mark Ray at 2:30 P.M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Alexander Babos.

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

Word of greeting was extended to new members, Rev. & Mrs. Caryl V. Benson who purchased the Harmon Cottage; Rev. & Mrs. Bernard Spong who purchased the MacKnight Cottage; and Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Carruth who purchased the Bramble cottage.

After the reading of the minutes by the assistant clerk motion was duly made and seconded to accept the same and place on file.

Report of President - Rev. Mark Ray gave the following report:-

Another year has passed and by the grace of God we have come to the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Ass'n. Our hearts are grateful for the privilege of being back amidst surroundings which mean so much to us and for the opportunity of mingling with friends of former years and meeting new friends.

We are sorry to note that the angel of death has again entered our family circle of Rustic Ridge and several of our members, whose names will be presented by the Necrology Committee are no longer with us. We are happy to welcome new members and we trust that they will immediately feel at home and that their experiences on the Ridge will be rich and rewarding.

We are all aware that summer residents, being in the community for a month or two, must expect improvements to come a bit more slowly than where we are permanent residents. Being here for vacation and relaxation most of us shy away from the burden of details and routine with which we are involved during the year. We can, however, by Christian consideration and thoughtfulness help each other and thus make our summer sojourn here one of delight and joy.

Each resident has received, a revised list of recommendations. The careful observance of these recommendations will help to make things more pleasant for us all.

I wish to express appreciation to the directors for the time they have given and for their helpful cooperation and suggestions and to the committees and their chairmen for carrying out their responsibilities. Mr. Hoehn, Ridge Representative and clerk, deserves a lot of credit for keeping us well posted and for his untiring effort and interest in the affairs of the Ridge. To Miss Gertrude Lauber goes our sincere thanks. She not only has recorded the minutes but mimeographed and sent out the President's letter and mimeographed the revised recommendations and has faithfully taken care of various other duties. Last, but by no means least, we express our sincere thanks to Mr. C.W.Scott, retiring treasurer, for his efficient and faithful service over the last five years. The treasurer's job is not an easy one for he must not only handle funds entrusted to him in a business like manner but he must handle people with tact and diplomacy. To all of these and to all of you who help to make our summer colony one of friendship and good will we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation.

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

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. W.D. Anderson reported the following members and friends who passed away during the year - Mrs. Merwin Jenkins, Rev. Robert A. Watson, Mrs. Katharina Lauber, Mrs. Hattie M. Wheeler L'Hommedieu, Miss Louise Roe, Mrs. Emma Peterson Stillings and Mr. John Hann, Sr.
After the reading of Necrology Report, Dr. Francis L. Jones led in prayer.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Clarence W. Scott, Jr. showed a balance on hand of \$1421.48, with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1957.

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

Auditing Committee - Mr. Thomas Duncan reported that the books of the Treasurer had been examined and found to be complete and correct.

At this time Mrs. Emma Powell was given courtesy of the floor to advertise the town paper "The Northfield Press" which can be had at the bookstore for 5¢ a copy or by subscription at \$2.50 per year.

Road Committee - Dr. Chapin read a report from Mr. John Hann, Jr. as follows:-
Road work during the last year amounted to exactly zero. As mentioned last year, the Northfield Schools were unable to do work for us due to the pressure of their current building program. However, they fully expected to be able to accelerate this year to make up for the deficit.
This year the story is that they do not expect to be able for some time - if ever. I personally subscribe to the theory that another era has passed and we cannot expect help from the schools in the future.
There is no doubt that contracting privately will be more expensive.
Suggestion #1 Send a delegation to partition the "Town Fathers" to take over more of our roads.
Suggestion #2 Hot patch all shoulders and sections requiring reinforcement this fall. Delay in doing this can prove expensive in road deterioration. Oiling be done on an orderly progressive basis.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to delete Suggestion #1 from Road Committee report and that the Board of Directors and Road Committee look into the matter pertaining to our roads.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Road Committee report be accepted as a whole.

Tree Committee - A report of no activity was given.

Insect Control - Miss Maude Curtis reported that three sprayings were done this year as follows - Gypsy Moth Spray in May; Fly & Mosquito Spray in early July and August. Total cost was \$150.00.

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

Road Signs & Directory - Mr. Hoehn read a report of Mr. Kenneth Page, Chmn. stating that individual signs were in position early and changes were made in a number of added new names. The main directory sign and frame has been moved back some five feet and it is now hoped the approach can be made more easily by proper grading of the roadway. The entrance sign near Birnam Road has been rebuilt, painted and is in position. New sign boards have been painted and will soon be ready to be placed in position at the various street corners. Some posts now decayed will be reset next spring.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the ground at directory sign be leveled and filled in with gravel.

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

Sanitation - Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke reported that the contract for collecting our garbage was awarded Robert Rogers, Jr. on the basis of 2 collections each week in July and August and once each week in June and September including October 1st. There are to be 27 collections at a cost of \$175.00. Satisfactory results have been noted thus far and the committee appreciates the co-operation of our membership.

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

Nominating Committee:- Rev. Parker B. Holloway gave the following report:-

- President - Rev. Mark Ray
- Vice Pres. - Rev. John Moore
- Treasurer - Miss Ruth Card
- Clerk - Mr. William F. Hoehn
- Ass't. Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber
- Directors - Mrs. Woodford D. Anderson
Mrs. Robert Heydenreich
Dr. Francis Jones
Mr. Clarence Scott, Jr.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that report be received, nominations be closed and clerk to cast one ballot.

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)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted not to increase our Annual Dues for the year 1957-58.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Active Members' Dues of Rustic Ridge Association Inc. for the year 1957-58 be 1% of the Town Valuation for 1955. (This being the last published report of same.)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Proposed Budget for 1957-58 be adopted as presented.
(Proposed Budget included in Treasurer's Report on separate sheet.)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the clerk send a letter to Congregational Church thanking them for the use of their church to hold our Annual Meeting.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Woodford Anderson for taking care of the refreshments today.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Board of Directors and the Road Committee look into the offer of the Poole's of property which can be used to open a road from 7th Ridge to 6th Ridge. This was suggested so that there would be more than one exit from 7th Ridge.

There being no further business, motion made and carried that we adjourn. (4:30 p.m.)

Rev. Parker B. Holloway closed meeting with word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

36 Present 28 Cottages

Gertrude Lauber, Clerk

Handwritten signature: Mrs. Woodford D. Anderson