

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc.
held Saturday, August 29th, 1959 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church
of East Northfield.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by the President, Mr. Arthur
Parker, Jr.

Prayer was offered by Rev. John Moore.

Call for meeting was read by the Clerk, Miss Gertrude Lauber.

Word of greeting was expressed to new members, Mr. & Mrs. Earl H. Loomis
and Mrs. Williams, who was renting the Bollman Cottage.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:- Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$537.68
with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1959.

(Copy of report attached to these minutes)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously
VOTED to accept this report and place on file.

Auditing Committee:- Mr. Thomas Duncan reported that the books of the
Treasurer and Clerk were examined and found to be accurate and complete.

Report of President:- "Dear Friends: Since this is my first annual meeting
as President of the Rustic Ridge Association, I wish to take this opportunity
to thank each of you for your trust in me to properly discharge my duties in
that capacity.

In my letter last spring I mentioned that we would attempt to clear up
several pending items such as:

1. Camp Northfield - I am grateful to say that the razing of the camp is
now under way.
2. Road at Mrs. Anderson's Corner- A conference was held with Mr. Sanderson,
of the Northfield Schools, Mr. Huber and myself, regarding the boulder and
pipe condition at Mrs. Anderson's corner. Mr. Sanderson pointed out,-
that while a quick estimate of \$150 was submitted to lower the pipe so
that the dirt and boulders could be removed, he felt that the figure was
extremely low. He believes that the work would cost us considerably more
than the original estimate. However, several other suggestions were made
ie,
 - (a) That the road be widened closer to the present metal guard rail.
This would maintain the natural contour of the road and provide a
wider road.
 - (b) Two depressions- one on each side of the pipe could be filled in -
thereby permitting the exposed pipe to be covered and allow lowering
of the hill and widening of the road.
 - (c) Mr. Hoehn is making arrangements for a joint meeting with the town
road superintendent and members of your association to determine the
practicability of these suggestions.
3. Shell Pool - I have talked with Mr. Gordon Moody on this matter. We
discussed the contents of his letter, of October 14, 1957 to Mrs. Anderson.
His position has not changed materially. He has no objections to our
using the pool so long as there are no problems such as congestion,
policing of the area etc. During the discussion he mentioned that prior
to constructing a new pool at the Hotel an engineering firm was consulted
on the Shell project. To provide the necessary dams, etc. it would have
cost approximately 40 Or 50 Thousands of dollars,- and they would still

have natural problems. Consequently a new pool was constructed. I also asked about the Hotel's policy on use of the new hotel pool. He stated that a number of families from the Ridge were using it at present. Here again, unless problems such as over-crowding, inconvenience to hotel guests etc. became apparent, we are welcome. The rates are \$50 for the husband and wife with a charge of \$5.00 for each additional member of the family.

Considering all facets of this problem, we would like to know what the feelings of the membership are toward the matter.

- (a) Should we continue to explore the possibilities knowing that it would be costly for maintenance, protection, insurance etc. or
- (b) Should we abandon the project and use Laurel Lake, Hotel pool and Shell pool as it is.

4. New Road - 6th and 7th Ridge - The next item is the construction of a new road between the 6th and 7th Ridge.

This matter has been reviewed very carefully with the following results.

- (1) To construct a new road would involve:
 - (a) Surveying
 - (b) Bull Dozing
 - (c) Blasting
 - (d) Leveling
 - (e) Preliminary preparation for the new road.
 - (f) Surfacing
 - (g) While the property has been offered to the association- Legal fees for acquisition would be involved.
 - (h) Maintenance - roads, cutting shrubs.

The above steps are costly items and could easily run into the thousands.

As the new road was proposed on the basis of an escape in the event of a fire on the 7th ridge - a less costly alternate is suggested namely-

The old wagon road which leads from the 7th ridge down to Mountain Road. It might be said that at one point a swampy condition exists- this is true but it only occurs in the early spring.- It then clears and the road is passable. Mr. Jones has discussed the possibilities with Mr. Anderson and will report on the matter.

In closing this report I should like to mention that your Board of Directors voted to keep the old tax rate of 1% - However, we must be realistic- we know that prices for all services are going up, and requests for extended services are increasing.

At this point, I want to leave one thought we can do anything you want done- but the money must come from some source. Your attention is called to the diminishing balance in the Treasurer's report.

Currently, we are working on bids for our service contracts for the forthcoming year. In this connection, I want to thank all committee chairman and members for their fine work and support in the past year.

With special thanks to Miss Lauber, Miss Card and to Mr. Hoehn for their unceasing efforts in the interests of the association and its membership.

Respectfully submitted,
A. R. Parker, Jr. "

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

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Helen R. Anderson reported the following members and friends who passed away during the year - Mr. Edward L. Townsend and Mrs. Mabelle Jones Carruth.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mark S. M. Ray.

Report of Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the President's annual letter had been sent to all active and associate members. Committees had been notified of their appointments. New directory had been prepared and mimeographed. Annual meeting notices were sent out.

It was reported that several cottages were for sale and we were reminded in selling or renting cottages to do so to people who are in sympathy with the ideals of the Ridge.

Road Committee:- Dr. Francis L. Jones reported that during the past year Pine Road and Ledge Way had been resurfaced with asphalt. Graveling and stone work was completed on Oak Terrace, back of Mrs. Mosse's cottage, and on Glen Road and Heath Lane. The lack of deep snow last winter was a blow to the roads, culverts and ditches were cleaned. Patching was done at several points where needed.

Plans for the coming year include resurfing of Cliff Road. The opening up of a second outlet for Cliff Road is being considered by the Directors.

Tree and Safety Committee:- Mr. C. J. Broadhead gave a report outlining the following safety measures - 1. Connect hose, check fire extinguishers; 2. Know which neighbors have telephones; 3. A fire drill for Ridge; 4. Drive more slowly and watch farther ahead. It's the individual driver that will keep our roads safe. Sound horns at bad corners and curves. 5. Many hedges placed too close to road.

It was reported that the buildings of the old Virginia Camp are being demolished and removed.

Insect Control:- Mrs. Josephine Woods reported that two sprayings were done this year, one the last week in June and the other the last week in July. The Town of Northfield gave valuable service in spraying for the Japanese Beetle and in destroying poison ivy wherever found.

Road Signs and Directory:- Mr. Kenneth Page reported that all signs had been placed in position and all errors corrected. It was suggested that all property owners clear the brush from their signs so that they may be clearly visible.

Through the efforts of the committee the road area in front of the Directory Sign was "black topped" by the town authorities.

Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke reported that Mr. Sidney Walker had been hired to collect our garbage and his work has been satisfactory. Time of collections were made for one during June and September each week and two each week during July and August with a final collection in October.

The cost was beyond our appropriation of \$175 and amounted to \$225. We are asking that the cost for another season be raised to at least \$225.

It was announced that the last collection of September will be omitted and the final collection will be October 15th.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED to approve and receive all Committee reports.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Proposed Budget for 1959-1960.

(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 1959-1960 be 1 3/4% of the Town Valutaion of 1958.

Nominating Committee:- Mrs. C. J. Broadhead gave the following report:-

President	- Mr. Arthur Parker, Jr.
Vice Pres.	- Rev. Parker B. Holloway
Treasurer	- Miss Ruth P. Card
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber
Directors	- Mrs. Helen R. Anderson Mrs. Robert Heydenreich Dr. Walter B. Chapin Dr. Francis L. Jones

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 separte sheet)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the clerk send a letter of thanks to Rev. Reeves for the use of the church today and also a letter to Mr. Sargeant, church sexton, for preparing the room.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Anderson for serving refreshments today.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the clerk send a letter of thanks to the State Police for inspections made during the year.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the clerk send a letter of thanks to the Board of Selectmen for putting "black top" on road in front of our Directory.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the matter pertaining to the swimming pool at the hotel be dropped.

The matter of the soft shoulder on West Lane between Miss Curtis's cottage and parking lot was brought to our attention and is to be drawn to the Road Committee's attention for repair.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion made and carried that we adjourn. (4:15 P.M.)

Rev. John Moore closed the meeting with word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude K. Lauber
Clerk