

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held Saturday, August 5, 1961 at 2:30 P.M. in the Music Hall of the Northfield School for Girls.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Arthur R. Parker, Jr.
Prayer was offered by Rev. John Moore.

Call of members was read by the Clerk, Miss Gertrude Lauber.

Word of greeting was expressed to all new owners and renters present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:- Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$759.00 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1961.

(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 J. Duncan reported that the books of the Treasurer and the Clerk had been examined and were found to be correct, complete and in good order.

Report of the President:- Mr. Arthur Parker read a report summarizing some of the highlights of the year's work.

- 1- In regard to the Salvation Army Pool. Communication with Col. Hepburn and Major Simpson resulted in the knowledge that their organization was only interested in a purchaser for property, at \$30,000.00.
- 2- At a conference with Dr. Howard Jones, President of the Northfield Schools, the matter of Willow Road was discussed. He promised to give it immediate attention. Now the road has been scraped, filled in and placed in fine condition. Black topping will be done very soon.
- 3- The question of swimming was discussed, Dr. Jones is to explore possibility and cost of rehabilitating Schell pool. The school pool would require a Life Guard. Possible use of pool near the Jane Way property was considered. This is still under advisement.
- 4- The August 4th open house date was confirmed.
- 5- As regards the Leasing and Renting of properties. Because there was no response to a general letter sent out last year asking that leasing and sales be directed toward Mr. Ted Powell, Ridge Representative, it now seems advisable to send each party interested in renting or disposing of property a special letter requesting same.
- 6- A larger bulletin board is needed and will be purchased and flowers will be placed at foot of directory.
- 7- It is suggested that the Association consider cutting back brush about 3' from side of roads. It would cost approximately \$25.00 per road. Spraying of these strips is also suggested.
- 8- It is recommended that the Association consider 3 sprayings instead of 2. One in June - one in July - one in August. This will increase our spraying expense approximately \$50.00.
- 9- Your board recommends at this time that we continue the present tax of 1 3/4%

In closing I wish to thank the chairmen and their committees for their fine work in the past year. We are especially grateful to Ted Powell, Ridge Representative, for his interest and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur R. Parker, Jr.
President

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

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Helen R. Anderson reported that this was the first time in many years that none of our Members had passed away, but, however we regret the passing of a dear friend - Mrs. Grace L. Hoehn, wife of our recently retired Ridge Agent, William F. Hoehn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Parker B. Holloway.

Road Committee:- Dr. Francis L. Jones reported that necessary patching was done on the roads as well as the customary cleaning of shoulders, culverts and ditches in the spring and fall. A "Go Slow" sign was placed at the intersection of Ledge Way and Woodruff Road. Plans for the coming year include a second coat of asphalt on Glen Road and one more lane. We hope to cut out the brush on one lane per year to improve the autoist's limited vision which is at present a real hazard.

Tree and Safety Committee:- Mr. C. J. Broadhead reported that due consideration should be made of the following suggestions -

1. Attach your hose outside of cottage upon arrival.
2. Check your fire extinguisher.
3. Hang up your fire alarm.
4. Clear out brush and remove unnecessary trees.
If you are unable to do your own work we suggest two fine tree men - Frank Anderson of Northfield and John Steiner of Greenfield.
5. Clear your property of brush and overhanging trees. The law is 3 feet from road bed.
6. Drive slowly and blow horn at had corners.
7. Beautification - Alice Lane is endeavoring to beautify the Ridge. Through her efforts and our President's the town has promised to clear out the brush at the big bend on North Lane and spray same.

Ted Powell reported that there are several kinds of fire extinguishers on the market and purchasers should be sure the extinguisher is approved by the Coast Guard. Some are very dangerous because of gas fumes contained therein.

Insect Control:- Mr. Harry J. Waaser reported that the Agricultural extension Service was consulted in an effort to determine whether there might be a more efficient method of mosquito control on the Ridge than that which had been previously employed. It was the opinion of the extension service that the spraying twice a summer, as in the past, was the most effective control for the Ridge, in consideration of the available budget.

The Hinkley Tree Service of Greenfield sprayed the Ridge on June 6th and July 19th. Ted Powell accompanied the truck in June and Harry Waaser accompanied the truck in July. A thorough spraying of all roads was done.

Road Signs and Directory:- Mr. Harold McGrath reported that all signs were in place. He suggested that all changes of property owners be given to Road Signs Committee. Mr. Kenneth Page is having broken glass replaced in our directory.

Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Edith Waaser reported that Mr. Clarence Shatney of Northfield was collecting the garbage this year at a cost of \$250.00.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that all reports be received.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the proposed Budget for 1961-62.

(Proposed Budget included in Treasurer's report on separate sheet)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that we continue the present arrangement of having two sprayings a year, one in June and one in July, with an additional \$50.00 being placed in our budget should a third spraying in August be necessary at the discretion of the Committee.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Active Members' Dues of Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. for the year 1961-62 be 1 3/4% of the Town Assessment for 1961.

The question was raised as to possibility of oil being placed on pond behind the Broadhead and Ray properties.
It was decided that the Board of Directors take this up with the Seminary.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was VOTED that Road Committee be given permission to cut back brush 3 feet from edge of present asphalt road and that owners be contacted and their permission obtained if personal property be involved.

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

President	- Mr. Arthur R. Parker, Jr.
Vice Pres.	- Rev. Parker B. Holloway
Treasurer	- Miss Ruth Card
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber
Ass't. Clerk	- Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Directors	- Dr. Francis L. Jones (Term expires 1962)
	- Dr. Walter C. Chapin (" " 1962)
	- Mrs. Thomas Kidd (" " 1963)
	- Rev. John Moore (" " 1963)
	- Mrs. Fred Trasher (" " 1964)
	- Mr. Harold McGrath (" " 1964)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Voted that report be received, nominations be closed and the 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 seperate sheet.)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Anderson for serving refreshments at this meeting.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to extend our thanks to the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen for their faithful service during the year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Rev. Mark S. M. Ray closed our meeting with word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Lauber
Clerk