

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held Saturday, August 11, 1962 at 9:30 A.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. Gordon Parker.

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

Word of greeting was expressed to Mrs. Fraser who purchased the Larson cottage.

Mr. Parker introduced Dr. Howard Jones, President of the Northfield Schools, and announced that the Board of Directors had voted to make Dr. Jones an Honorary Member of our Association.

Dr. Jones expressed his thanks and appreciation for being made an Honorary Member and spoke of his desire to be of help to the Association.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Edward Finch, Manager of the Northfield Hotel, was given courtesy of the floor. Mr. Finch explained the reasons why the Hotel pool will not be available to the general public in the future. He expressed a willingness to work with a committee to explore the possibility of rehabilitating Schell Pool.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that we explore the possibility of rehabilitating Schell Pool.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Janeway Pond be explored as an alternate.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the special Swimming Committee be composed of the following members - Mr. Robert Moore, Chmn., representing Mountain Park;
Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr., representing Town of Northfield
Mr. Clinton Hoffman, representing The Highlands;
Rev. Robert Heydenreich, representing The Rustic Ridge Assoc.

Question was raised as to the financing of the pool, Mr. Parker stated that this is to be a completely separate enterprise and separately financed by individual subscription.

Treasurer's report:- Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$1157.82 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1962.

(copy of report attached to these minutes)

Auditing Committee:- Dr. Francis Jones reported that the books of the Treasurer and Clerk had been examined and were found not only correct but industriously and exquisitely wrought.

Report of the President:- "It is with mixed emotions that I submit my third and last annual report as President of your association.

I am grateful for the many accomplishments that were completed in the past year. To mention a few:

An increase in our balance on hand - due largely to restricted road work.

Installation of bulletin boards.

Beautification of area around Directory Board.

Opened negotiations for Lessees to purchase land on the Ridge.

Treatment of Pool - in rear of Broadhead and Ray's property.

Black topping of Willow Road.

Work on the last two items was performed by the Northfield Schools at their expense. This was a sizable contribution.

Last winter a representative of the New England Telephone Company talked to me about discontinuance of the telephone service on the 3rd Ridge. This was the result of low monthly average revenue. After much discussion, it was agreed that we discontinue the service on November 1st and reconnect it on April 1st. This would reflect a higher monthly return due to a change in base of actual months in service.

I am sure that the reports from the individual committees will also tell of their contributions to a year of progress.

I regret that I cannot give a firm solution to a problem which appeared on the horizon and came to my attention within the past week. This is the "Swimming" question. As it now appears and as you have heard or will hear, the privilege of swimming at the hotel pool by persons other than hotel guests and employees is to be discontinued. This imposes a problem on a number of summer residents and their families. In this connection, on Tuesday, August 7, Mr. Sanderson, Northfield Schools, Mr. Ted Powell and myself visited and studied possible solutions to the problem. Our findings are as follows:

SEMINARY POOL - Gymnasium - School Grounds -

1. Used for Conferences - June and July
2. Life Guard - School-connected - Association expense
3. Dr. Meaney would have to check schedule - confliction
4. Shower and rest room facilities available
5. Pool - $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ ' in depth
6. Used daily slight charge for checking chlorination, etc.
7. No annual maintenance charges
8. Accomodate approximately 50 persons at one time

SCHELL POOL - Near Chateau

1. Needs dredging by bulldozer - (Annually)
2. Squared off - brush and trees would have to be cut
3. Would provide ideal picnic area - beautiful location
4. Approach to the pool would be through Main Street account of driving range entrance
5. Adequate parking facilities - near chateau
6. Bath house on location - requires little repair work and painting of interior and exterior - this could be performed by volunteers.
7. This will accomodate approximately 50 persons
8. Water is slightly discolored due to organic matter - trees - sand, etc. nearest animals - ponies $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
9. School will loan necessary tools required - wheelbarrows - rakes - shovels
10. Cost to rehabilitate- approximately \$600.00 - annual cost - approximately \$500.00 plus the cost of life guard.

Jane Way Site - located - Winchester Road - Pierson Road

1. Will accomodate 20 to 30 people
2. Is an ideal location for picnic area
3. Ample parking facilities in nearby field owned by the school - but leased at present time.
4. Rehabilitation work is required
 - a. Sand on beach area
 - b. Painting of wooden foot bridge and sun board
 - c. Removal of small stones
 - d. Cutting of trees in proposed picnic area
5. Water is clear and cold

6. Site had been used by families of school employees
7. Cost to rehabilitate - about \$300.00 plus time of volunteers
Life Guard required and annual maintenance

James Godwin Site - Located on _____ off Main Street

1. Privately owned - natural pool developed by Godwin family
2. Will accomodate approximately 50 persons
3. No beach at present - has good possibilities for beach and picnic area
4. Parking might present a slight problem -
 - a. Possibility of using nearby school property - this would require approval for right of way
 - b. Use of area near Huber Bros. paint shed - again permission would be required, plus work to clear area
5. Cost to rehabilitate would be in the vicinity of \$300.- \$400.00.
However, considerable work would have to be performed by volunteers.
6. Life guard would be required
7. Annual clean up would probably be \$150. to \$200.00.

Wanamaker Pond - intersection of Routes 10 and 63

1. This site is located in a very hazardous location due to heavy traffic
2. Because of its size this pond would have an unlimited capacity - a good picnic area north of Route 63 - could be established on school property. However, the parking situation would be a definite problem.
3. In addition to the above limitation - considerable work would be required
Cat-o'-nine-tails growth has reduced the size of the pond and would have to be removed by a power shovel. Certain debris can be removed by opening of the flood gates.
4. It is estimated that approximately \$3000 to \$4000.00 would be required to get the pond in usable condition.
5. Life guard would be required; in addition, additional money would be required to maintain each year.

Camp Northfield Pool - (Former Salvation Army Camp) - Route 10 North of Route 63

1. This camp was recently purchased by several Baptist Ministers (privately owned) It is to be used as a camp for children and families in the north east area.
2. The pool is small - 30' x 70'
3. The first year of operation has been most successful and is expected to increase in the future
4. While no definite policy has been established - it is believed that the pool would be totally inadequate to serve outside groups in addition to camp guests.

In view of the fact that town people, summer people from Mountain Park, The Highlands and the Ridge are all part of this common problem, representatives of each unit have been contacted and are to be a part in the resolving of the question.

It has been said: "An officer can only be as effective as the cooperation he receives," I can say without reservation that "My cup runneth over" on both of these items. I want to thank the Board of Directors and each committee chairman for making my term as president such a cherished privilege.

I would indeed be remiss if I didn't give special thanks to both Miss Lauber and Miss Card for an outstanding job and their untiring efforts to keep us on a straight course.

My sincerest thanks to Ted Powell our Ridge Representative who has been of invaluable assistance to the Association and myself in the past year.

It has indeed been a pleasure to work with all of you.

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

Necrology Committee - Mrs. Helen R. Anderson reported that there were seven members and friends of the Ridge who passed away during the past year. Miss Martha Bollerman, Mrs. J. Wallace Chesbro, Mrs. Joseph Hinds, Mrs. Frank Harmon, Dr. Robert Bonner Jack, Mrs. Ethel Whelan Edwards and Mr. John Jenkins. Mention was also made of the death of Paul Dudley Peck in 1961.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Kidd

Report of the Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that all meeting notices and the President's annual letter were mailed out. The Board of Directors have voted to print a new list of our members and we would appreciate all changes of owners and changes of address be sent in promptly.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Parker for his faithfulness and the many hours spent in serving us the past three years.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED to accept all reports of Officers and committees reported.

Road Committee - Dr. Francis Jones reported that the roads and ditches had been cleaned both spring and fall. The severe storms necessitated removal of trees and tree limbs in the spring.

The road program has been hindered due to the severe illness of Frank Anderson.

For next year the long delayed second coat of oil should be put on Glen Road and Heath Lane, West Lane, Willow Lane (near Woodruff Way) and Mountain Road need patching. Oak Terrace needs re-gravelling at one point.

Tree and Safety Committee - Mr. Earl Loomis gave the following report.

1. Trees - Trimming to improve road visibility. Inspection and removal of weeds, brush and tree growth blocking driver vision was performed in August 1961 by a group of volunteers. Saplings were cut near the directory early this month to open up the view of car drivers at the sharp bend on North Lane. All residents are requested to keep roadsides trimmed along their properties to aid car drivers and to permit safe exit from private driveways. Also, clearing properties of fallen limbs and brush piles will materially reduce fire hazard. The Committee suggests preventive steps to safeguard our cottages, power lines and roads, by removing trees and tree branches which are recognized as possibly unsafe due to rot, disease or storm damage.
2. Safety - Extreme caution in driving is generally practiced and necessary on all Ridge roads. In spite of narrow roads and blind corners our safety record is good and we can maintain our favorable record by driving at low speed and being alert for young children, pedestrians and cars.
3. Fire Prevention - In both our cottages and adjacent areas we need to be watchful for accumulations of inflammable material. Examination of lamp cords, wall plugs, light switches and electrical appliances, and prompt correction of any defects discovered, is recommended. The maintenance of water hoses connected and ready for use is a wise safeguard, and early in the season fire extinguishers should be checked to be sure they are in sound operating condition.
4. General - Personal pride in the maintenance of our summer cottages is an asset that brings rewards and mutual enjoyment to all of us. With this in mind your committee recommended and with the assistance of our President aided in the addition of a rustic bench and flower buckets to the neatly constructed directory.

Insect Control - Mr. Harry Waaser reported that the Hinkley Tree Service had been contacted and sprayed the Ridge in June and July and will spray again on August 13th.

Road Signs and Directory - Mr. Harold McGrath reported that all changes were made on signs and two bulletin boards had been placed on either side of the directory.

Sanitation Committee - Mrs. Edith Waaser reported that the committee had contracted Mr. Shatney in the fall. However, Mr. Shatney moved from Northfield and was unavailable. Mr. Sidney Walker was contacted and he agreed to collect our rubbish for \$250.00, payment to be made on August 1st and October 15th.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to accept all Committee reports as read.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to increase Road Improvements from \$500.00 to \$700.00.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED TO accept the Proposed Budget for 1962-63.

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

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Active Member's Dues of Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. for the year 1962-63 be 1 3/4% of the Town Assessment for 1961.

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

President	- Mr. Harold McGrath
Vice Pres.	- Mr. Earl Loomis
Treasurer	- Miss Ruth Card
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber
Ass't. Clerk	- Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Directors	- Mrs. Thomas Kidd (Term expires 1963)
	- Rev. John Moore (" " 1963)
	- Mrs. Fred Trasher (" " 1964)
	- Dr. Francis Jones (" " 1964)
	- Mr. C.J. Broadhead (" " 1965)
	- Mr. A.R. Parker, Jr. (" " 1965)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that report be accepted, nominations be closed and Clerk to cast one ballot.

Announcements - All those desiring to purchase leased land on the Ridge please notify Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr. so that a list can be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools for their consideration.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that list of Committees be referred to Board of Directors for ratification and appointment.

At this time Mr. Parker introduced our new President, Mr. Harold McGrath who took the chair.

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

Rev. Parker Holloway closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Lauber
Clerk.