

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held Saturday, August 10, 1963 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. Harold E. McGrath.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Kidd

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

Word of greeting was expressed to new members, renters and guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:- Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$1087.39 with bills payable amounting to \$167.50.

(copy of report attached to these minutes)

Auditing Committee:- Rev. Thomas Kidd reported that the books of the Treasurer and Clerk had been examined and were found to be not only correct but painstakingly wrought.

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Helen R. Anderson reported that there were two members and two friends of the Ridge who had passed away during the past year. Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Mr. Frederic C. Carruth, Mr. Frank Anderson and Mr. Henry McIntire. Mention was also made of the death of Dr. Gordon Poole's mother who passed away in August 1963.

Report of the Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that all committees were notified of their appointments, President's letter was sent out with the treasurer's tax bills, the new Name and Address list of the members both Active and Associate had been prepared and is on hand for distribution.

The Hinds cottage was sold last August and the Moody cottage is in the process of being sold. The Bollman, Aylesworth, Morse and Marston cottages have been rented this season. There are still a few cottages for sale information regarding them may be secured from our Ridge Representative.

Road Committee:- Dr. Walter Chapin read a report from Mr. Earl Loomis stating that the road committee surveyed the need for reconditioning roads in 1962 and arranged to have oil and stone applied in early September as required. An inspection this summer indicates favorable results from this work, with the roads in satisfactory condition generally.

Drains have been cleared sufficiently to prevent leaf stoppage.

It is recommended that a budget appropriation at an annual level sufficient to permit contacting in 1964 for work in excess of \$1,000. to avoid an equipment charge. A number of roads will require reconditioning by the end of the summer in 1964, and the availability of over \$1,000 will permit adequate care of roads and economical use of Ridge funds.

Tree and Safety Committee:- Mr. C. J. Broadhead read a report from Mr. Alfred Rubyor, stating that an inspection of all ridges was made on April 12, 13 and 14, 1963 and numerous limbs were removed from the roadways. On May 4 and 5 the Pine Road sign post which had rotted at the bottom was repaired. Only a few branches were noticed and removed at that time. The thoroughfares appeared to be in excellent condition as far as safety and appearance are concerned.

Mr. A. Weissinger, Northfield Road Commissioner, was contacted regarding frost upheavals on North Lane.

A word of thanks was expressed to Miss Alice Lane and Mr. C.J. Broadhead for their fine cooperation on this committee.

Insect Control:- Mr. Harry Waaser reported that the Hinkely Tree Service of Greenfield was again contracted to perform the insect control spray service this year.

There were two sprayings this year one on June 8th and the other July 23rd.

Road Signs and Directory:- Mr. Harold McGrath reported that all signs had been taken down in the fall and put up in May. Necessary name changes were made. Anew sign was ordered for the entrance of the Willow Road reading "Exit Only" etc.

Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Edith Waaser reported that the committee arranged with Stanley Walker to collect garbage for the year at a cost of \$250.00. Cards indicating time of collections were placed at each cottage.

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

SPECIAL SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE :- Mr. Robert Moore of the Mountain Park area, reported that Seven possible swim sites were surveyed and Shell Pool was selected.

A sum of \$1600 has been spent to rehabilitate the Pool and operate same this season. This expense, will be reduced by estimated fees of \$600, making a deficit of \$1,000.

The committee has been very careful about obeying all regulations and suggestions made by the Massachusetts authorities. Every precaution has been made to keep the pool clean and free of polution.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Proposed Budget for 1963-64.

(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 1963-64 be 1 3/4% of the Town Assessment for 1964.

Nominating Committee:- Mr. Carlton La'Hommedieu 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. Fred Trasher (Term Expires 1964)
- Dr. Francis L. Jones (" " 1964)
- Mr. C.J. Broadhead " " 1965)
- Mr. Arthur R. Parker, Jr. (" 1965)
- Dr. Walter C. Chapin (" " 1966)
- Dr. Charles Crain (" " 1966)

(List of suggested committees on separate sheet attached)

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

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was VOTED 14 in favor and 12 against the Rustic Ridge Association making a donation of \$100 to the Shell Pool.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was VOTED 12 in favor and 10 against the Ridge having three sprayings a year regardless.

The matter of a public telephone on the Ridge was brought to our attention. by Mr. McGrath stating that the Telephone Company had removed the phone and would not install same unless the Association paid for installation and operation of same.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the matter of the phone be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for their action.

Our attention was brought to the fact that a rug had been stolen from one of the cottages.

Their being no further business to come before the meeting motion was made to adjourn.

Rev. Gordon Parker closed our meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Helen Anderson prepared and served refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Lawber

Clerk