

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held Saturday, August 7, 1965 at 2:00 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Northfield School for Girls.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Harold McGrath.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Kidd.

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

Word of welcome was expressed to Miss Muriel Devin and Miss Jane Swanson who purchased Mrs. Helen Morse's cottage, also to Mr. and Mrs. Gumma prospective purchasers of the Ropes cottage.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:- Mr. George Loos reported a balance on hand of \$835.13 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1965.

(Copy of report attached to these minutes)

Auditing Committee:"The treasurer's books have been audited and found satisfactory according to the report prepared for the Annual Meeting."
George Washburn and Harold McGrath

Report of the President:- Mr. Harold McGrath expressed his appreciation to the Board of Directors and Committees for their splendid cooperation in carrying on the work of our association.

Report of Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that ~~the~~ President's annual letter had been mimeographed and mailed with the Members' dues, all Committees were notified of their appointments and all other correspondence was taken care of as voted at the Annual meeting and Board meetings. Members are reminded to notify the Clerk of all changes of address.

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

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Marilyn Williams substituted for her mother, Mrs. Helen R. Anderson, and read a report which mentioned the passing on of Mrs. Howard Harris, Mrs. Charles Ohlandt, Mr. Francis Hurley, Dr. Elizabeth McIntire, Mr. William F. Hoehn, Mr. Edward M. Powell, Sr. and Mr. John Jenkins.

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

Road Committee: Dr. Francis L. Jones gave the following report: "During the past year extensive resealing with oil and new construction have been completed on the Ridge roads. Oak Terrace has been gravelled and twice sealed with oil and a new culvert installed. The following ridges have been resealed: Wood Way, Heath Lane on the grade, and Ledge Way from Mr. Broadhead's cottage to East Lane. Shoulders on Glen Road and Mountain Road have been repaired with cold patching, a catch-basin installed on Wood Way, and the usual cleaning of shoulders, ditches and culverts has been carried out. Since we operate on a schedule of alternate years, no major repairs are planned for 1965-66. For 1966-67 East Lane, Pine Road and Mountain Road have priority with Ledge Way as a possibility. The contract for the above work was awarded to Matthew W. Nosca of South Deerfield, Mass, after extensive consideration of several bids."

Insect Control:- Rev. Thomas Kidd reported two sprayings had been done so far this year one on June 11 and the other on July 16th. If there is need for further spraying it will be done later in the season. The Hinckley Tree Service took care of this work as in former years.

Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Alice Mosse reported that the services of Gardner Hudson had been secured to make regular collections, thirty times during the summer. We had found their services last summer to be regular, neat and dependable. The contract stipulated that a sum of \$125. be paid August 1st and \$150. be paid October 1st. This was an increase of \$25.00 over last year's as Mr. Hudson felt that he could not do it for less. We have also arranged that collections be made on Tuesdays rather than Mondays when holidays fall on the week-end.

Road Signs and Directory:- It was reported that Mr. Page took down all our Name signs last fall and repainted them, also making necessary corrections and new signs for new owners. It is planned to take all the road signs this fall and repaint same.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to express our appreciation to Mr. Page.

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

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Budget as recommended for 1965-66.

(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 1965-66 be 1 3/4% of Town Assessment for 1961.

Question was raised by Mr. Gumbs, a prospective purchaser of the Ropes property, as to the policy of the Association regarding the opening of the road to this property. After considerable discussion the following motion was duly made and seconded but not carried. Motion:- The policy of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. is that roads of the Association will be maintained by the Association if current taxes due are duly paid.

Nominating Committee:- Mr. Arthur Parker read the following report

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| President | - Mr. Earl H. Loomis | | |
| Vice Pres. | - Mr. George Townsend | | |
| Treasurer | - Mr. George Loos | | |
| Clerk | - Miss Gertrude Lauber | | |
| Ass't. Clerk | - Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr. | | |
| Directors | - Dr. Walter C. Chapin (Term Expires 1966) | | |
| | - Dr. Charles Crain | " | " |
| | - Mrs. Gordon Poole | " | 1967 |
| | - Rev. John Moore | " | " |
| | - Mrs. Mabel Broadhead | " | 1968 |
| | - Mr. David Berger | " | " |

(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 unanimously VOTED that list of Committees be referred to Board of Directors for ratification and appointment.

At this time Mr. McGrath introduced our new president, Mr. Earl Loomis, who took the chair.

Mr. Edward Powell, our Ridge Representative reported that last fall Mr. Stanley Wickey, Chief of Northfield Police, called him to say some Ridge signs had been found in the town and after investigation they found the boys responsible, after court proceedings the boys were instructed to replace them and Ted supervised them.

Then in April Bob Huber called to say that the Cooper cottage and several others had been broken into, Mr. Wickey, Mr. Lawrence Schumaker of State Police and Ted investigated and Ted notified the owners.

Police suggest that all owners secure their cottages at all times.

The Kiwanis Club has a picnic area on Warwick Road and the members of the Ridge are welcome to use these grounds.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was expressed to Ted for his faithful services.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to extend formal thanks to Mr. and Mrs. McGrath for their interest and work on behalf of the Ridge.

Mr. Loomis then called a meeting of the Board of Directors for Thursday, August 12th at 10:00 a.m. at his home, also inviting Mr. Gumms to attend.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn.

Mr. Loomis closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude K. Lauber
Clerk.

RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Treasurer's Report
August 1, 1964 - July 31, 1965

INCOME		
Balance on hand August 1, 1964		\$1,530.01
Receipts:		
Active members' dues	974.85	
Arrears paid	15.75	
Associate members' dues	9.00	
Sale of 4 Ridge Histories	2.00	
Contribution - President McGrath	<u>21.00</u>	
Total Receipts		1,022.60
Total Income including balance		<u>2,552.61</u>

EXPENSE		
Corporation Tax	5.00	
Ridge Representative	75.00	
Annual Meeting refreshments	2.67	
Waste Removal	250.00	
Road Repairs (Incl. \$600 from 1964)	1,267.40	
Road Committee expense	1.75	
Insect control (2 sprayings)	100.00	
Treasurer's expenses (Stat. & Post.)	4.00	
Secretary's expenses (Stat., Post. Mimeo)	9.81	
Bank Service charges	<u>1.85</u>	
Total expense		1,717.48
Balance on hand July 31, 1965		<u>\$ 835.13</u>

Proposed Budget 1965-1966

INCOME		
Balance on hand August 1, 1965	\$835.13	
Estimated receipts from dues	<u>975.00</u>	
Total Income incl. balance		1,810.13

EXPENSE		
Corporation Tax	5.00	
Ridge Representative	100.00	
Waste Removal	300.00	
Printing & postage	20.00	
Insect control (3 sprayings)	150.00	
Road Repairs	600.00	
Road signs & directory	25.00	
Contingencies	<u>200.00</u>	
Total estimated expense		1,400.00
Estimated balance July 31, 1966		<u>\$ 410.13</u>

Delinquents:		
Larry Ropes (Mrs. Humphries)	288.00	
Dr. J. D. Voorhies	26.60	
Harry Waaser	<u>15.75</u>	
Total arrearages		\$330.35

Respectfully submitted
George W. Loos, Jr.
Treasurer