

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Ass'n., Inc. held Saturday, August 6, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. in the Music Hall of the Northfield Schools.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Earl Loomis.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Gordon Poole.

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

Word of greeting was expressed to our new members - Mr. and Mrs. George Gumbs, Jr. who purchased the Ropes cottage. Other new members mentioned who were not present - Mr. and Mrs. David Powell who purchased the Mooney cottage and Mr. and Mrs. John Wood who purchased the Wasser cottage.

Mrs. Edward M. Powell, representative of the Northfield Civic Council, was given courtesy of the floor. Mrs. Powell told us of the Northfield News Letter that is being mailed to all the boys from Northfield in the Armed Services, and how much it means to the boys. The annual dress sale will be held on August 26th in the Powell barn, the proceeds to be used to purchase paper and mailing News Letter. All work by the Council is voluntary.

The Northfield Fire Chief, Mr. Howard Williams and his Assistant, Mr. Eugene Miller were then introduced.

Mr. Williams brought to our attention the fire conditions on the Ridge, mentioning the fact that our cottages were built on the ground, the large amount of pine needles and dry leaves, all are potentials for fires. He expressed the importance of putting out all fires. Ridge roads are narrow and dangerous and it is very important that roads are kept clear when there is a fire so the fire apparatus has a free way. He also suggested that a road be opened from the 7th Ridge to make it possible for those on that Ridge to escape.

Mr. Miller then spoke about the "Fire Call" system consisting of five phones that ring when an alarm is called in - thus a call will always go through. It is very important that the correct location is given and that the person calling keep calm and answer all questions to enable the firemen to locate the fire.

This was followed by a period of questions and answers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:- Mr. George Loos reported a balance on hand of \$1,164.45 with no accounts payable as of July 31st, 1966.

(Copy of report attached to these minutes.)

Auditing Committee: "Books have been examined and found to be correct."
George Washburn, Auditing Committee.

Report of the President:- "Sixty-five years ago the first summer cottage was constructed on Rustic Ridge. It was followed by the building of additional cottages during the next several years. We are thankful for the love of natural beauty and the spirit of good will which inspired the growth of our summer colony early in this century.

The Northfield Schools and the Town of Northfield have always been friendly neighbors. The operation of Schell Pool by the Town is an indication of this relationship, and the reception for summer visitors by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Jones is also an expression of our mutual affection.

We are grateful for and appreciate the privilege of these associations, past, present and future.

Our Annual Meeting today will consider ways to safeguard the future enjoyment of our wooded retreat. This will include adequate financial support for the

maintenance of our roads, sanitation service and insect spraying program, and timely attention to fire prevention measures.

The Board of Directors, chairmen and members of Committees, and our Ridge Representative, have been very conscientious and foresighted in looking after our common interests, and I wish to express to each of them my personal gratitude and on your behalf the appreciation of all Ridge residents.

Earl H. Loomis, President."

Report of the Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the President's annual letter, Fire Prevention Suggestions and Ridge Representative Duties were mimeographed and mailed out with the bills of Members' Dues, all Committee members were notified of their appointments and all other correspondence was taken care of as voted by the Board of Directors. Changes of ownership and addresses have been recorded. Proper announcement of Board Meetings and Annual Meeting were mailed.

Report of Ridge Representative:- Mr. Edward Powell gave the following report -

- 1- Was appointed special police officer by the Selectmen, this enables him to stop anyone on the Ridge who does not belong there.
- 2- Worked with the Sanitation and Road Committees.
- 3- Worked with Mr. Loomis, Fire Chief and Assistant Chief.
- 4- Warned members of the danger of using tetrachloride fire extinguishers and showed the dry chemical extinguishers which were available at \$7.75 each.
- 5- He expressed the hope of the Association opening the road from the 7th Ridge as a fire emergency exit. Stating that the entrances would not be changed and the road would not be made known to outsiders.
- 6- Served on local Pool Committee which has served a good purpose to the town people.
- 7- Has written a letter to Board of Assessors asking them to mail a copy of new valuation book to all Ridge members.
- 8- The Kiwanis Park has been completely covered and members of the Ridge are welcome to use it.

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

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Gordon Poole reported the passing of Rev. Mark S.M. Ray and Mrs. Mabel Fraser.

Memoriam prayer was offered by Rev. Dudley Peck.

Road Committee:- Mr. David Berger gave the following report -

"The road committee completed the following work on Glen Road from Heath Lane to Lot No. 50 - 1. Saplings removed to open the road 2. Gravel applied for a road bed 3. Two large stumps cut back from the road.

Work to be done this fall - 1. Re-surfacing of Pine Road and East Lane
2. Re-surfacing of Ledge Way from East Lane to Woodruff Way.
3. Certain patching and repairs in these areas.

The Committee proposes a way be opened from Cliff Road westerly toward Mountain Road. This can be accomplished economically by a bull-dozer operation. The way would not be finished road, but merely a passable route for a real emergency. In the event that North Lane became blocked by fallen trees, due to wind or electrical storms, fire fighting equipment could reach Cliff Road and cars would have another possible exit. This way is important to all as a fire anywhere on the Ridge is a hazard to everyone there. Your Road Committee has had urgent support from the Fire Department and the approval of the Northfield Schools in submitting this proposal. It is hoped that the members of the Ridge Ass'n. will vote affirmatively for its passage."

Insect Control Committee:- Rev. Thomas Kidd reported that two sprayings of the Ridge had been done this year, one in early part of June and other the first week of July. The Hinckley Tree Company did the work as in former years but due to rising costs in materials and labor there was an increase of \$10.00 for each spraying making it \$60.00 instead of \$50.00.

Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Alice Mosse reported that Mr. Gardner Hudson had been contracted again this year at a cost of \$275.00. Mr. Hudson and his helpers have done a conscientious job with the collections and things seem to have gone well. He has been a pleasant man to work with, and it is hoped his company can serve us again.

Road Signs and Directory Committee:- It was reported that Mr. Page had repainted our directory sign and name signs, also made necessary changes and corrections.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED TO ACCEPT reports of all committees.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Budget as proposed.

(Proposed Budget included on 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 1966-67 be 1 3/4% of Town Assessment for 1961.

Nominating Committee:- Miss Beatrice M. Cheek gave the following report

- President - Mr. Earl H. Loomis
- Vice Pres. - Rev. Thomas Kidd
- Treasurer - Mr. George Loos, Jr.
- Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber
- Ass't. Clerk - Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.
- Directors - Mrs. Gordon Poole (Term Expires 1967)
- Rev. John Moore " " 1967
- Mrs. Mabel Broadhead " " 1968
- Mr. David Berger " " 1968
- Mrs. John F. Schmadeke " " 1969
- Mr. George Townsend " " 1969

(List of suggested Committees on separate sheet attached.)

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

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to authorize the Road Committee to open the road from the Hurley property to Parker property as an emergency exit,

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to recommend to all owners of cottages on the Ridge that they have a dry chemical extinguisher in their cottages.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to express our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Hamm and Mrs. Loos for preparing the refreshments today.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn. Rev. Alexander Babos closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Gertrude K. Lauber, Clerk