

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Ass'n., Inc. held Saturday, August 5, 1967 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 Dr. Francis L. Jones.

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

A word of greeting was expressed to our new members -

Mr. & Mrs. David Wood	-	purchased the Bollman cottage
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Leiman	-	" " Holloway "
Rev. Chas. W. Strohbeck	-	" " Hurley "
Mr. & Mrs. Walton Brust	-	" " Strippel "
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Semmler	-	" " Lane "
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Rusk	-	inherited the Fraser "
Mr. & Mrs. George Marston	-	" " Marston "
Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Stanhope	-	part owners of Stephens cottage

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:- Mr. George Loos reported a balance on hand of \$1,004.66 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1967.

(Copy of report attached to these minutes.)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the treasurer's report as read.

The following change in our by-laws was recommended by the Board of Directors-

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Treasurer

The treasurer . . . . . He shall annually, on or before the thirty-first day of March, send a bill to the members for all dues and other obligations to the Association.

Change :- The Treasurer . . . . . He shall annually, during the month of September, send bills to the members for all taxes and other obligations to the Association.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that the change in by-law be accepted and become effective September 1968.

#### ARTICLE XII

##### Annual Dues

The dues of the active members of said Association shall be determined annually by the active members of the Association, using as a basis therefor the assessment of tax levied on the taxable property owned by said active members in said Northfield, Massachusetts. The dues of the associate members shall be one dollar per year, payable in advance.

Change:- The taxes of the active members of said Association shall be determined annually by the active members of the Association. The dues of the associate members shall be one dollar per year, payable in advance.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to adopt this by-law change.



Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Budget for the year 1967-68 as presented.  
(Budget included in treasurer's report)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the taxes of the Active members be \$16.00 per cottage for the year 1967-68.

Auditing Committee report:- Mr. George Townsend reported that he audited books of the treasurer and found them to be correct.

Report of the President:- Mr. Earl Loomis gave a report summarizing life and activity on the Ridge.

Report of Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the president's letter, Ridge History Questionnaire, and tax bills were mailed, all committee members were notified of their appointments, proper notices of all Board meetings and the Annual meeting were sent out. All changes of ownership and addresses were recorded and also sent to the Road Signs committee chairman. All correspondence as voted by the Board of Directors was taken care of. A new roster of all Ridge members was mimeographed and made ready for distribution so that each one may have a copy. Members were again urged to notify the clerk of all changes in addresses.

Report of Representative:- Mr. Edward M. Powell reported the following -

1. There is a new organization in Northfield called the FISH which means Fellowship In Serving Him. The sole purpose is to help those in need.
2. Fire extinguishers are still available for those who wish them.
3. In case of a fire call 498-5521
4. Town reports and 1966 valuation books are available for all members. If any one has a question about their town valuation and tax should contact Mr. Robert Barnes, chairman of Board of Assessors.
5. Parents are urged to keep children off the roads.
6. Inspected the Ridge after Deer season and big storms.
7. Requested members to notify him of any cottages for rent.
8. Schell pool and Kiwanis Park area are available for members use.
9. Next year hope to have new maps for distribution.

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

Necrology Committee:- Rev. Thomas Kidd reported the passing of Rev. Gordon Parker, Mrs. John Stanhope and Kathie Stanhope.

Road Committee:- Mr. Alfred Rubyor that Mr. Matthew Noska of South Deerfield was engaged to tar and gravel the specified roads on the Ridge. This was done in early fall of 1966. Mr. Gardner Hudson was engaged to remove leaves from gutters and sides of the roads.  
The committee recommends that the logs near Miss Erb's cottage on Ledge Way be replaced.

Insect Control:- Mr. George Gumbs reported that the Hinckley Tree Service was engaged to spray the Ridge. Two sprayings were done in June due to the large amount of insects and mosquitoes. The cost of each spraying was \$60.00.



Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Alice A. Mosse reported that Hudson & Co. was contracted to collect our garbage and rubbish. Mr. Hudson has been very faithful and regular. Cards indicating the times of collections were posted at each cottage before April 1st. Collections were to be once a week in June and September and twice a week in July and August with a final collection after Columbus Day.

Road Signs and Directory:- It was reported that Mr. Page had made changes on name signs and took care of the Directory.

Historical Committee:- Mrs. George Loos reported that much information has been obtained thus far and that the committee is endeavoring to compile a more complete record of the history of the Ridge.

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

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

- President - Mr. R. Hoyt Chapin
- Vice Pres. - Rev. Thomas Kidd
- Treasurer - Mr. George Loos, Jr.
- Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber
- Ass't Clerk - Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.
- Directors - Mrs. Mabel Broadhead (Term Expires 1968)
- Mr. David Berger " " "
- Mrs. John Schmadeke " " 1969
- Mr. George Townsend " " "
- Mrs. John Hamm " " 1970
- Mr. Arthur Parker, Jr. " " "

(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.

At this time our new president, Mr. Hoyt Chapin took the chair. He stressed the importance of each one to drive slowly on the Ridge and parents do their best to keep children with bicycles off the roads. He suggested that each owner clear brush and shrubbery from sides and corners of their properties. Fire extinguishers are a very important item to have in each cottage. Suggested that cottage owners have their electric wiring checked.

Mr. Earl Loomis reported that the sign on Ledge Way was placed there as an experiment and the continuance of same will be considered at the Board meeting.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Loomis for his services rendered as president the past two years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Gertrude K. Lauber*  
Clerk.