

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Ass'n, Inc. held Saturday, August 10, 1968 at 2:00 P.M. in the auditorium of the Northfield Schools.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Hoyt Chapin.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Kidd.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:- Mr. George Loos reported a balance on hand of \$1,310.93 with no accounts apayable as of July 31, 1968.  
(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.

Report of the President:- Mr. Hoyt Chapin gave a review of activity on the Ridge expressing thanks to all those who have served on the Board and Committees. He also stated that parents have been asked to keep bicycles off the Ridge; Ted Powell has the authority to have any trees removed that have fallen across the road; if anyone has any difficulty with break-ins should notify Ted; and that the Board of Directors is looking into the matter of infection on our pine trees.

Report of Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the president's letter had been mimeographed and sent out with the tax bills and all other correspondence was done as directed by the Board of Directors.

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

1. New water pipes are being installed on North Lane.
2. There was vandalism in the Aylesworth cottage. Requested that any vehicles seen on the Ridge who do not belong there be reported to him.
3. Brochures of Western Mass. Northfield Mt. Project were available. A showing of slides and a movie of the project will be held in Fellowship Hall of the Congregational Church August 14 at 8 p.m. A tour of the project will be August 21st at 1:00 P.M.
4. Tax forms sent out by the assessor's should be sent in.
5. Firemen went over the ridge and found all in order.
6. Franklin County Realty Board has increased commission to 6%.

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

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Marilyn Williams reported the passing of the following members and friends of the Ridge - Mrs. Helen R. Anderson, Mr. George Carr, Mrs. Thomas Duncan, Miss Naomi Markley, Corpsman 3c Winston G. Parker, Mrs. Carolyn P. Poole, and Mr. A. George Townsend.

Road Committee:- Mr. Earl Loomis reported that road work was <sup>to be</sup> done by Mr. William Walker.

Ted Powell reported that there was an area on Glen Road where water stands and is a mosquito breeder. It has been suggested that the culvert be lowered to allow drainage.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Board of Directors investigate this condition and act accordingly.

Four projects were carried through this past fiscal year to maintain our roads in satisfactory condition:

1. August 1967, additional gravel to build up low spots was spread on the reopened section of Glen Road leading to the Gumbs cottage.
2. September, 1967, rotting logs were replaced by old telephone poles as a barrier to safeguard the road at the edge of the drainage ditch on the lower section of Ledge Way.
3. November, 1967, leaves were removed from drainage ditches alongside our roads to prevent drain blockage and reduce danger of storm damage to road shoulders.
4. July, 1968, the Road Committee after a thorough survey of all our roads, obtained bids from two contractors for work to be performed after Labor Day, as follows:
  - a. Spot patching on Ledge Way, West Lane and Heath Lane.
  - b. Recoiling Mountain Road
  - c. Recoiling the hard surface portion of Glen Road.
  - d. Recoiling a 280 foot section of Heath Lane.

Insect Control Committee: Mr. George Gumbs reported that funds were available in the 1967-68 budget for two sprayings of the Ridge, one of these was done in August 1967 at a cost of \$60.00. On July 19th, 1968 the Hinckley Tree Company sprayed the Ridge at a cost of \$75.00.

Sanitation Committee:- It was reported that 30 collections were scheduled for the season. Cards were placed at each cottage listing days of these collections. The Gardner Hudson Company has been hired for this work and is, as usual, doing a splendid job.

Road Signs and Directory Committee: It was reported that signs were taken down in the fall of last year and set out in May, of this year. Necessary name changes were made.

Historical Committee: Mrs. George Loos reported that much information has been received and 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. Hoyt Chapin
Vice Pres.	- Mrs. Arthur Parker
Treasurer	- Mr. George Loos, Jr.
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber
Ass't. Clerk	- Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Directors	- Mrs. John Schmadeke (Term Expires 1969)
	Mr. Theodore Denise " " "
	Mrs. John Hann " " 1970
	Mr. Arthur R. Parker, Jr. " " "
	Mrs. Mark SM Ray " " 1971
	Dr. Walter C. Chapin " " "

(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 adopt the budget as proposed.  
(Proposed budget included in Treasurer's report on separate sheet.)

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  
1968-69.

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

Rev. Thomas Kidd closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gertrude K. Lauber*  
Clerk.