

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rudtic Ridge Ass'n, Inc. held Saturday, August 9, 1969 at 2:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Northfield Schools.

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

Rev. Kenneth Page opened the meeting with prayer.

At this time the President introduced two guests, Miss Mary Wright, Manager of the Northfield Inn and Mr. Joseph Horak, Chief of Police in Northfield. Miss Wright spoke of her appreciation to the Ridge folk who came to the hotel and introduced themselves. She mentioned the need of expanding due to the great expenses involved in running the hotel, inviting us to use the facilities.

Mr. Horak stated that he was glad to be in Northfield and was available 24 hours a day. He can be reached by phone either at home or while on the road. Phone numbers are 498-5509 and 498-5518.

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

The reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

Treasurer's Report:- Mr. George Loos reported a balance on hand of \$1,411.36 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1969.

(Copy of report attached to these minutes.)

Report of the President:- Mr. Hoyt Chapin reported a few outstanding items -

1. Dr. Walter Chapin was appointed to investigate the condition of the white pine trees on the Ridge. He had hoped to have a proposal at this meeting but further study must be made. About 15 members chose to have trees sprayed last fall at an approximate cost of \$20.00 per cottage. Spraying of the entire Ridge is under study and will be brought before you next year.
2. A few suggested courtesies were reviewed - also other information, namely:
 - a. People with dogs should leave them indoors when they leave their cottages.
 - b. There are an increased number of animals on the Ridge that need to be kept at home.
 - c. Sound horn at dangerous corners. Refrain from doing same at 12:00 A.M.
 - d. Rumor had it that Virginia Camp was to be sold by Northfield Schools. Dr. Jones assured us this was an erroneous report. Due notification will be on hand should anything develop in the future.
 - e. The "FISH" organization may be reached by calling Ray Thompson service station - 498-2690.
 - f. All are invited to attend the Arts and Crafts exhibition of the Upward Bound movement at the Carriage House of the Northfield Inn.

Report of Clerk: Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the Ridge Tax bills were mimeographed and sent out in September, treasurer's report was mimeographed and all other correspondence was done as directed by the Board of Directors.

Report of Representative: Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr. reported that Mr. Horak and the State Police check our properties at regular intervals.

It has been suggested that those living on corners please cut brush back for better safety precautions.

The Town tax rate this year will be \$2.00 less per thousand, due to the Northfield Mt. Project.

A new information center has been built at the Northfield Mt. Project. All are welcome to visit there.

Next spring we hope to have a new Ridge Directory available.

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

Necrology Committee: Mrs. Frank Williams reported the passing of Miss Jennie A. Johnson and Miss Alice Lane.

Road Committee: Mr. Earl Loomis reported that the road maintenance program in the fall of 1968 included re-oiling and graveling Mountain Road, Glen Road and Heath Lane. A culvert was replaced on Ledge Way adjacent to the Ray property. Expenditures consumed nearly the full amount of the annual budget but did not require use of the reserve carried over from the previous year. As the Town widened North Lane at the foot of the hill last year, and re-oiled and graveled both North Lane and Woodruff Way this year, the roads on the Ridge are in quite satisfactory condition in general. In 1970 the Road Committee will need to inspect closely the condition of several roads, among them Cliff Road and West Lane.

The Historical Committee has contacted the Northfield Schools in the hope of finding file documents as evidence of our legal ownership of roads we maintain.

Insect Control Committee: Rev. Thomas Kidd reported that after some difficulty persuading the Hinckley Tree Company of the need of spraying on the Ridge, it was done the first part of July and also August 9th.

Sanitation Committee: Miss Jeannette Townsend reported that Mr. Gardner Hudson had been contracted for 30 collections as per last year. Cards were printed and distributed to all cottages listing dates of collections.

Road Signs and Directory: Rev. Kenneth Page reported that name changes were made. He is working on the directory to bring it up to date. He presented a new metal post which will hold the name signs and replace the wooden ones.

Historical Committee: Mrs. George Loos reported that considerable information is at hand and the committee would appreciate suggestions as to ways of compiling same.

Several suggestions were forthcoming from the members, namely - mimeographing, or Xerox. Committee should look into the matter of ways of having history compiled, with prices of same and report back.

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 include an amount of \$100.00 in the Budget for use of Historical Committee.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to increase the Ridge Representatives fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the Budget as presented with additions voted.
(Copy of Budget included with Treasurer's report attached.)

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 1969-70.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Mabel Broadhead presented the following slate of Officers and Directors -

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| President | - Dr. Walter C. Chapin | | |
| Vice Pres. | - Mrs. Arthur R. Parker, Jr. | | |
| Treasurer | - Mr. George Loos, Jr. | | |
| Clerk | - Miss Gertrude Lauber | | |
| Ass't. Clerk | - Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr. | | |
| Directors | - Mrs. John Hann | (Term Expires | 1970) |
| | - Mr. Arthur R. Parker, Jr. | " | " |
| | - Mrs. Mark S. M. Ray | " | 1971 |
| | - Mr. C. J. Broadhead | " | " |
| | - Mrs. Frank Williams | " | 1972 |
| | - Mr. Fred Trasher | " | " |

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.

Mrs. Broadhead then read Nominating Committee slate of committees for next year.

(List of Committees attached to these minutes.)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that list of committees be referred to Board of Directors for ratification and approval.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to express our thanks to the President, officers, directors, committee members and all others who have worked for the good of the Ridge this year.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to set up a Discretionary Fund to have additional funds available to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors for such things as sending flowers to the sick, etc. This to be voluntary contributions apart from the regular Ridge tax.

It was reported that the Board of Directors will invite Dr. Howard Jones, President of the Northfield Schools, to our Annual Meeting next year, asking him to tell us of the present status of the Schools.

At this point, Mr. Hoyt Chapin introduced our new President, Dr. Walter C. Chapin who greeted the members and stated his desire to be of help for the progress of the Ridge.

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

Rev. George Washburn closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude K. Lauber
Clerk.