

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., held Saturday, August 8, 1970 at 2:00 P.M. at the Music Hall of the Northfield Schools.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Walter C. Chapin.

Rev. Kenneth Page opened the meeting with prayer.

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

At this time the president introduced the Board of Directors, new members - Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Carson, and welcomed all members and guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Report of the President:- Dr. Chapin stated that the directors had met several times during the year. Various committees had been active in carrying out their responsibilities. Attention was drawn to the "Guidelines" which should be posted in every cottage. A reminder for safety on our roads was stressed to drive slowly and sound horn in dangerous areas, also to discourage the use of bicycles on the Ridge for fear of serious accidents. It was noted that we have excellent police protection from the State and Town all year. Should anyone need help in an emergency they can call the "F I S H" organization. Ray Thompson's garage is accepting these calls.

Auditing Committee Report: Mr. John Hann, Jr. reported that the books of the treasurer had been examined and were found to be correct. He suggested that the Discretionary Fund balance be included in the general fund balance. It was then VOTED to include the Discretionary Fund balance in the general fund.

Treasurer's Report:- Mr. George Loos reported a balance on hand of \$1,132.86 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1970.

(Copy of report attached to these minutes)

Report of the Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that lists of Officers, Directors and committees had been mimeographed and mailed out with the tax bills also Ridge Information sheets, President's letter were mimeographed and mailed to all members. The treasurer's report was mimeographed and all other correspondence done as directed by the Board.

Report of the Representative:- Ted Powell reported that Mr. Horak, chief of police, checked our properties during the winter and nailed shut several doors of cottages that were found open.

A new map of the Ridge was drawn up by Mrs. John Hann, 3rd.

Brush on Birnam Road and North Lane was removed by the town.

Tax rate of Northfield will be \$2.00 less than last year due to the Northfield Mt. Project.

Tours of the Mt. Project are held each day.

There are two cottages for sale on the Ridge, namely, the Fensom cottage and the Doremus cottage.

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

Road Committee:- Mr. David Powell reported that oil and stone was put on West Lane, culvert by Pole 4 on West Lane was cleared, patch, oil and stone on Cliff Road, oil and stone on unfinished part of Oak Terrace. Dry rot through the surface of the bridge on willow road required complete replacement of same. Total cost was to be \$824.65. Professional advice is being sought on a drainage problem on East Lane. Brush on North Lane was cleared at cost of \$10.50.

Insect Control - Rev. Thomas Kidd reported that two sprayings had been done this year one the end of May and one the end of July. The swampy land on the upper ridge was also sprayed.

Sanitation Committee:- Miss Jeanette Townsend reported that Mr. Gardner Hudson was again contracted to collect our garbage, cards were printed and distributed to each cottage. An increase of \$1.00 per collection was required by Mr. Hudson and was agreed to by the committee. Word of thanks was expressed to Miss Cheek and Mr. Cooper who helped in distributing schedules to cottages.

Road Signs and Directory:- Rev. Kenneth Page reported that name signs were made of new owners. Name signs and directory were removed in the fall and replaced in the spring. New posts are being installed where needed.

Historical Committee:- Mrs. George Loos gave an extensive report on all all the work that has been done thus far in gathering material that will be used in writing up the history of the ridge and also the compiling of an historical file for convenient access. This will provide helpful information for officers and committee members in fulfilling their responsibilities.

The committee recommends that it continue two additional years in the work of fulfilling its primary purpose, and submit in 1972 a specific recommendation for the appointment of a sub-committee to rewrite the history to bring it up to date. It is estimated that this work will require two years for completion so that by 1974 the history can be submitted with approximate costs of reproduction for consideration by the Board of Directors. This will provide the Board an opportunity to recommend at the 1974 Or 1975 Annual Meeting the detailed plan for discussion. In the meantime a continued annual appropriation of \$100 is suggested to provide funds as required.

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

Necrology Committee:- Miss Jane Swanson reported that there were no deaths of members on the Ridge this past year. However, one of the renters for a number of years past away last August, namely, Miss Loretta Costello.  
Report was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED - to adopt the adopt the budget as presented.  
(Copy of Budget included in treasurer's report attached)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED - that the taxes of the Active Members be \$20.00 per cottage for the year 1970-71.

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. Frank Williams                     |
| Clerk        | - Miss Gertrude Lauber                   |
| Ass't. Clerk | - Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.              |
| Directors    | - Mrs. Mark S.M. Ray (Term Expires 1971) |
|              | Mr. C. J. Broadhead " " "                |

Mrs. Frank Williams	(Term Expires 1972)
Mr. Fred Trasher	" " "
Miss Muriel Devin	" " 1973
Dr. Francis L. Jones	" " "

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.

The Nominating Committee then presented the 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.

The following suggestions were made from the floor:-

Notice of the Annual Meeting be placed on the Bulletin Board.

That the bench be replaced at the Directory.

That we investigate further the possibility of mail delivery due to the moving of the post office.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that a little remembrance be sent to Mrs. Edward M. Powell who is seriously ill.

Dr. Chapin expressed thanks and appreciation to Miss Lauber, Ted Powell, Mr. George Loos, Committee Chairmen and workers for their services rendered in carrying on the work of the Ridge.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Dr. Chapin for all that he had done throughout the year to make things run smoothly.

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

Rev. Charles Strohbeck closed out meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gertrude K. Lauber*  
Clerk