

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., held Saturday, August 11, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. at the Skinner Gymnasium of the Northfield Schools.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Hann, Jr.

Rev. Kenneth Page opened the meeting with prayer.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Report of President: "This year we lost another land mark when the Omega Hardware and New England Store building burned. Another landmark the Trinitarian Congregational Church is being restored. The progress of this building has been exciting to watch.

I want to thank each and every officer, director, committee chairman and committee members for their efforts and assistance. The success or failure of an association like ours rests with the active participation by the members. Special thanks are due Dave and Lucia Powell for the beautiful garden at the entrance, and to Marilyn Williams for the "Ridge Runner". Both of these efforts are "labors of love" and volunteer efforts which add to the enjoyment of our stay here.

Vandalism seems to be on the increase. Please be vigilant and report suspicious persons or circumstances to the police. In this regard the replacement mirror has been received. We have Arthur Parker to thank for this quick action. In the interim please drive slowly.

Please let us know of any cottages for sale so we can inform the members currently there are (3) - 1. Broadhead cottage - Formerly Mosse cottage.

2. Wood cottage - The Wood Shed on Woodruff Way. 3. Swanson-Devin cottage.

Please trim bushes (3) feet from the road and cut overhanging limbs.

Many thanks to Miss Card for her efforts as treasurer and Ted Powell as Ridge Representative.

The Hymn Sing last August was a great success thanks to the efforts of David Berger, Dave Powell and the Snyder family. Mary Christine Snyder is in charge of this year's hymn sing which will take place hopefully on Round Top tomorrow. In case of rain it will be in Sage Chapel.

In conclusion, I'd like to give special recognition and thanks to our Clerk, Gertrude Lauber whose activities on behalf of the Association make any president's life a little easier, and assures smooth functioning of the Association.

John Hann, Jr."

Report of Clerk: "The duties of the clerk were carried out as usual. Any change of address and ownership should be reported to the clerk so our records can be kept up to date."

Report of Ridge Representative: Ted Powell stated that some cottages were broken into. Police were unable to find the culprits. All owners were notified of the break-ins. Robert Huber, Snowmobile Club and Police check the cottages during the winter. Police have been checking the motorcycle nuisance and trying to stop the noise.

Auditing Committee: Mr. Warren Snyder reported that the books of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. were audited on August 9, 1979 and were found to be in good order.

Treasurer's Report: Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$3,407.53.  
(Copy of this report attached to these minutes.)

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

Road Committee: Mr. George Marston reported that Oiling and stoning of a small section of Oak Terrace and a section of East Lane where a new culvert had been installed was done. All culverts were checked and cleaned in the fall and spring. This was done by Mr. Walker. A culvert on Woodway and other road patching was scheduled to be done. Due to lack of time by Mr. Walker this is still to be done. The roads on the Ridge are in generally good condition, recognizing that these are seasonal roads. Most of our cottage owners have helped by trimming brush along the traveled way, raked accumulated leaves off the road surface and kept culverts open in the vicinity of their cottages.

Last year the Board of Directors requested the Road Committee "to make a study of the condition of the roads and the use by permanent residents on the Ridge." This latter referred to those who reside on the Ridge year round. Your committee has given this careful consideration. It is fully recognized that increased use and especially plowing will result in increased damage to the roads. At present each cottage contributes an equal amount toward their maintenance. Possibly a Road Maintenance Fund could be established into which permanent residents and others could make an extra contribution. The committee backed away from a special assessment feeling that such action might imply that the Ridge Assoc. approved such use and assumed responsibility for road maintenance to their cottage year round. It is anticipated that more cottages will be winterized in the future and this problem will increase rather than decrease.

This coming year we hope to replace the culvert on Wood Way and patch or surface treat it. Sections of other roads where the surface has broken up should also be patched. We also recognize that certain patching of the wheel way should be done where the center crown results in cars scraping bottom.

Insect Control: Mr. Warren Snyder reported that a contract was entered into with Bourbeau Painting Inc. of Montague, Mass. to spray Rustic Ridge twice for a price of \$670.00. The dates were May 23 and July 9. Two 800 gal. loads of Malathion spray were to be used for each spraying. Mr. Snyder led the spray truck through the roads for complete spraying. Almost constant rain for two weeks after the first spraying seemed to render the spraying ineffective. The July 9 spraying seems to have been much more effective.

Sanitation Committee: Miss Lauber reported that Mr. William Smith of Winchester had been contracted for \$375.00 this was an increase of \$25.00 due to the increase of cost of gasoline. To date, Mr. Smith's services have been very satisfactory.

Road Signs and Directory: Mr. John Hann 3rd reported that no changes were made this year. Any change or correction should be reported to Mr. Hann or Rev. Page.

Necrology Committee: Mrs. Bernice Rubyor reported the following members and friends passed away during the past year - Mrs. Minnie E. Bolton, Muriel Devin, Mrs. Alice Mosse and Jane Swanson. A sympathy card with a written message from the Ridge Assoc. was sent to a relative and/or friend of the deceased.

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

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Budget for 1979-1980 as presented by the Board of Directors.  
(copy attached to these minutes)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Active Members dues be \$26.00 per cottage and the Associate Members \$2.00 per person, for the year 1979-1980.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Dorothy Noble presented the following slate of Officers and Directors:-

President	- Mr. John Hann 3rd
Vice Pres.	- Mr. Nelson Harris
Treasurer	- Miss Ruth Card
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber
Asst. Clerk	- Mr. Edward M. Powell Jr.
Directors	- Mrs. Lucia Powell - Term Expires 1980
	Rev. Alexander Babos " " 1980
	Miss Frances Pearson " " 1981
	Mr. George Marston " " 1981
	Mrs. Audrey Parker " " 1982
	Mr. Warren Snyder " " 1982

VOTED that the nominations be closed and the clerk to cast one ballot.

The Nominating Committee presented a list of Committees for the year.

(List of committees attached to these minutes.)

VOTED that the list of committees be referred to the Board of Directors for ratification and approval.

At this time the president turned the meeting over to our new president, Mr. John Hann 3rd.

VOTED to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. John Hann Jr. for his faithful service this past year.

A question was raised as to a third spraying on the Ridge. This was referred to the Board of Directors for consideration.

The Board of Directors recommended Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jacoby as Associate Members. This was so moved and carried.

The bad condition of North Lane and Woodruff Way was brought to our attention. It was recommended that the Board of Directors and the Road Committee check on this.

A motion to prohibit the plowing of our roads was lost and the following recommendation was made - that the Board of Directors study the recommendation of the Road Committee regarding the use of our roads by permanent residents.

Rev. Kenneth Page expressed appreciation for the oiling and stoning of Oak Terrace.

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

Rev. Alexander Babos closed the meeting with prayer.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Lucy Hann punch and cookies were served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gertrude Lauber*  
Clerk