

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc, held Saturday, August 8, 1981 at 2:00 P.M. at the Music Hall of the Northfield Schools.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Hann 3rd.

Dr. Francis Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

The call of the meeting was read by the clerk.

At this time the President welcomed new members - Mr. and Mrs. William Tenney (the Hanock cottage) and two guests, Mrs. Eastman and Mrs. Fenniker.

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

Report of President: This past year was an active and successful one for the Ridge community. My observation is that there has been increased activity and signs of continued vitality. Most cottages have been occupied during the vacation times. However, the peaceful nature of the Ridge is being preserved.

Though negative events were the exception, two major problems of the past year were vandalism during the winter season and the severe infestation of the gypsy moth caterpillars.

The vandalism appeared to be the work of children who broke into a number of cottages. Though damage was minimal and the stolen articles not valuable, our vulnerability in the winter months was most evident. In addition, some owners were not immediately notified of the damage to their property.

Accordingly, a special meeting was held to review security procedures. The following steps will be taken in the event of a break-in. First, the police will be notified. Second, Ted Powell will be notified. It is then Ted's responsibility to get details from the police and/or the person discovering the problem and to notify the owners. Though Ted Powell is responsible for individual notification it is possible that cottage owners will also be contacted by the police. Whenever possible someone representing the Ridge (Ted Powell, Bob Huber, Nelson Harris) will accompany the police on their investigation.

If any repairs are needed, each owner shall make individual arrangements. The following people do cottage maintenance and repair work: Holloway and Turner, Arthur Bolton, Howard Manard, Dick Holbrook, John Thayer and George Miller.

Our other major problem was caused by the gypsy moth caterpillar. (a detailed report on this is included in the Insect Control Committee report) However, if the infestation reappears next spring, the Ridge will not finance a general gypsy moth spraying. Instead, a procedure similar to this year will be followed. Individuals who desire a special spraying should contact Warren Snyder who will negotiate all the arrangements.

Two years ago the annual picnic was suspended until there was a general demand for such an event. Since such a demand was not forthcoming this year, we will instead serve punch and cookies after the meeting. I encourage all of you to take this opportunity to meet with friends and neighbors and continue any unfinished discussions of Ridge events.

I have enjoyed my tenure as President and found it to be a learning experience I have a much greater appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the officers and people who serve on committees, the involvement of the directors and Ridge Representative, and especially the conscientious work of our clerk, Gertrude Lauber. Being president of the Rustic Ridge Association was an honor as well as another of my many pleasant Ridge experiences.

John Hann, 3rd

Report of Clerk: Miss Lauber reported that all duties as per our by-laws and all requests of the Board of Directors and the President were carried out.

We would again remind you to notify the clerk of changes of address promptly. A new roster should have been made up this year but due to mail being returned it is hoped that it will be ready this year.

Report of Ridge Representative: Ted Powell stated that Douglas Jones, head of the art department of the Northfield Schools passed away this year and some pictures he painted were available for anyone who wishes one. The fire and police phone numbers have been changed and a few available. Members are reminded to leave forwarding addresses at the post office. The town is considering a regional dump or a trash compactor at cost of \$50,000.

Auditing Committee: Mr. Arthur Parker reported that the committee examined the books and records of the Association for the period August 1, 1980 to July 31, 1981 and found all to be in good order.

The Treasurer is to be congratulated for an outstanding job of maintaining the books.

Treasurer's Report: Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$1,224.51. (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 Mr. Wm Walker was contracted to do the following work on the Ridge but to July 31st none of the work has been done. Mr. Walker was reminded about this work on July 5 and again July 18th to no avail. (a) The lower end of Mountain Road to be patched where sides are broken up (b) Two reflecting posts to be placed at the corner of Glen Road and Heath Road by Denise cottage. A curb on the inside of the curve would prevent wash of the fill. (c) Patching on West Lane where surface is broken up (d) Breaks in the surface on East Lane and Pine Road where a heavy truck went through (e) small washout on lower side of Oak Terrace filled in.

He was also asked to remove leaves from upper end of culverts in the fall and spring.

On October 18, 1980 the chairman wrote to Mrs. Parenteau, Chmn, of Selectmen, requesting that the town place the oiling and stoning of Woodruff Way high on its list of priorities. North Lane was mentioned as needing patching of the wheel tracks to prevent "striking bottom" where the center of the road is too high. The town voted to do Woodruff Way but not North Lane. Actually North Lane has been tarred and stoned to about the White cottage and Woodruff Way has not been touched.

The Road Committee always welcomes suggestions from Ridge residents for improvements that seem desirable.

Insect Control: Mr. Warren Snyder reported that extensive research was done by the committee chairman and the association president to determine a course of action in dealing with the gypsy moth infestation. It was determined that the chemical agent, Sevin, was the best hope for control.

The Chairman obtained bids from three contractors one of these whose bid was \$400 was determined to be incompetent. The other two bids were for \$3,000 per spraying with two sprayings required. Such expenditure was considered to be out of the question.

Bourbeau Pinting Co. was contracted to spray with "Sevin" instead of Malathion, at a cost of \$400. Twenty-one owners contracted Mr. Lanoue to spray their properties at a cost of \$150. for 2 sprayings.

Road Signs and Directory: Mr. Robert Brown reported that that president took down the signs in the fall and placed them in the spring. Changes in names have been made and a new directory is in the making. Road signs have also been repainted.

Sanitation Committee: Miss Lauber reported that we were fortunate in obtaining Mrs. Thompson to collect our garbage on the Ridge. From all reports, she is doing a super job. We would again impress upon all members to put garbage in plastic bags. It is not the duty of the person picking up our garbage or your committee to furnish plastic bags or pick up loose garbage as has been the case recently. You are also asked to consider others by taking your garbage with you when you come for a week-end.

We would like to thank Mr. Baudouin for assisting in the distributing of collection notices.

Necrology Committee: Mrs. Bernice Rubyor reported the following members who passed away during the past year - Rev. Kenneth Page, Dec. 1, 1980; Mrs. Dorothy Peck, Dec. 1, 1980; Miss Mary Moore, April 12, 1981.

Sympathy cards with written messages were sent to relatives of the deceased from the Ridge Assoc.

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

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The Board of Directors presented a proposed budget for 1981-82. VOTED TO increase the Road budget from \$750. to \$1,000.

VOTED to accept the budget as amended.
(copy attached to these minutes)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that the Active Members' dues be \$30.00 per cottage and the Associate Members' be \$3.00 per person, for the year 1981-82.

Nominating Committee: Mr. John Hann, Jr. presented to following slate of Officers and Directors:-

- President - Mr. Nelson Harris
- Vice Pres. - Mr. Hoyt Chapin
- Treasurer - Miss Ruth Card
- Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber
- Asst. Clerk - Mr. Edward Powell, Jr.
- Directors - Mrs. Audrey Parker - Term Expires 1982
- Mr. Warren Snyder " " 1982
- Mrs. Marilyn Williams " " 1983
- Dr. Eric Gardner " " 1983
- Mr. John Hann, 3rd " " 1984
- Mr. Nicholas White " " 1984

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

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

- Road Committee - Mr. David Powell, Chmn.
Mr. George Marston
Mr. William Whitney
- Sanitation - Miss Gertrude Lauber, Chmn.
Mr. Floyd Rusk
- Road Signs and Directory - Mr. Robert Brown, Chmn.
Mr. John Hann, 3rd
- Insect Control - Mr. Warren Snyder, Chmn.
- Necrology - Mrs. Bernice Rubyor, Chmn.

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

Mrs. Marilyn Williams announced that Ridge Histories are still available at \$1.50 each.

At this time the president, Mr. John Hamm, 3rd, introduced our new president Mr. Nelson Harris.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that the Board of Directors consider the establishment of a Security committee -

1. To make scheduled inspections of the cottages on the Ridge.
2. Report incidents to police
3. Report acts of vandalism or forced entries to an officer or designated representative of the Ridge Association
4. Notify owners
5. Arrange for temporary repairs to secure the property

The president expressed our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. John Hamm, 3rd and to all committees and officers for the fine work done this past year.

It was suggested that a list of available contractors be sent out with the treasurer's bills.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made to adjourn. Mr. John Hamm, Jr. closed the meeting with prayer.

Gertrude K. Lamber
Clerk