

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Assoc., Inc., held Saturday, August 7, 1982 at 2:00 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Northfield Schools.

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

Rev. Warren Snyder opened the meeting with prayer.

The call of the meeting was read by the clerk.

At this time the President announced the resignation of Mr. Edward Powell, Jr. our Ridge Representative and introduced our new Representative, Mr. Edwin Finch.

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

Report of President: This past year was a successful one for the Rustic Ridge Association. Our cottages were physically safe this past winter, the Association ended the year financially sound, and our membership remained relatively stable, with few ownership changes.

An unfortunate happening, however, was the resignation of our Ridge Representative, Ted Powell. For as long as I can remember Ted has been involved with the Ridge. He was our friend and helper even before becoming the Ridge Representative. Through his resignation Ted has changed his official title, but in reality he cannot change how we perceive the years of service, friendship and caring. Ted will always remain a close friend of the Ridge Association.

Ted showed his continuing concern for the Ridge by assisting the officers and directors in finding a successor to his job. Though he had the misfortune of losing Ted, we have the good fortune of finding Ed Finch who has agreed to become the new Ridge Representative. Ed is a man of stature in the Town of Northfield, he is respected in the Northfield Mount Hermon School community, is a neighbor of the Ridge, a member of our Security/Surveillance Committee, and is a friend to many of us. I look forward to working with Ed as the Ridge Representative.

There are three more items which should be brought to everyone's attention. The first is that the tax rate in Northfield will increase by \$1. per \$1000. evaluation. The second item is that there have been complaints about cars driving fast along North Lane and Woodruff Way. With the newly paved roads and the convenience of the North Lane traffic mirror, one might forget that our roads are narrow and can be dangerous. Please be careful all the time. The third item is that the Directors have voted to present a copy of the History of Rustic Ridge to the Trustees of Northfield Mount Hermon School. This will be handled by Mr. David Powell. We want to remind the schools of their historical association with the Ridge as well as thank them for their many courtesies to us.

In closing I want to thank the other officers of the Ridge Association, the committee chairpersons, all the committee members and the many others who work to keep Rustic Ridge a place of beauty and harmony. I urge everyone to continue this spirit of community interest. I am honored to have worked as President. Whatever I have invested in Northfield and the Ridge has always paid high dividends.

Thank you, John Hann, 3rd.

Report of Clerk: Miss Lauber gave a report stating - as clerk and business manager of our Association we report having made several contacts with the Board of Selectmen and have found them to be cooperative and helpful. All the necessary printing, mailing and correspondence was taken care of. Necessary contacts with committee chairmen were made to assist in the smooth running of our Association. A word of thanks to all for mailing back the Security Questionnaire promptly. New names and address lists are available for those who wish them. Please keep the clerk informed of any address or phone number changes.

At this time we would like to thank Mr. John Hann, 3rd for filling in as President due to the resignation of Mr. Nelson Harris and to Mr. George Marston for serving as Director for the year.

Report of Ridge Representative: Ted Powell stated that the Town Police Chief has resigned but the town is well protected with Mr. Miller in charge. The State police will not come and check our properties because Northfield has its own department, they will assist the town police when needed. Some copies of the Town annual report are available, also Ridge Histories at \$1.50. It has been a pleasure serving you and thank you for your cooperation.

Auditing Committee: Mr. Arthur Parker reported that on August 3rd the financial records of the Association were audited. A review was made of those records showing receipts, disbursements, bank activity and commitments. We found all of the above items to be in good order. Our treasurer is to be congratulated on the outstanding job in maintaining our books.

Signed: John Ham, Jr.
A.R. Parker, Jr., Chmn.

Treasurer's report: Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$4,607.88.
(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. David Powell reported that some of our members attended a meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding the repairing and resurfing of Woodruff Way. The Board promised to have the work done in May 1982 and it has been repaired and black topped. Jim Baker was hired to cut the brush at the corner of North Lane and Woodruff Way. This was done at a cost of \$20.00. A survey of the roads has been completed and Mr. Walker will be contacted to do any necessary repairs. A thank you is expressed to Miss Cheek for her untiring effort in having Woodruff Way repaired.

Insect Control: Mr. Snyder reported the work of the committee was two pronged this year; to deal with the continuing gypsy moth infestation and to spray for monquito control. After consultation with Silbert Lanoue of the Lanoue Tree Service, a letter was sent to all property owners of the Association for individual consideration for spraying for gypsy moth control. Twenty four property owners elected such spraying of their properties. Where spraying has taken place over the past two years there seems to be no evidence of damage this year. Two monquito sprayings were done, one July 2 and the other July 19. Spraying was systematic and thorough. Mr. Lanoue "walked" 80-90% of the properties. Mr. Lanoue has suggested a program of control through the treating of breeding areas. Such a program of control stands as a possibility for next year.

Sanitation Committee: Miss Lauber reported that Mrs. Linda Thompson had been contracted to collect garbage on the Ridge at a cost of \$450.00. She has proved to be very satisfactory and no complaints reported to date. The Town will have a dump area the 1st of September, if everything works out as planned. Russell Hudson is doing this work and will have trash compactors, etc. The brush dump on Caldwell road is closed but the Board of Health has applied to State for permission to open it on two Saturdays each month and they will have an attendant in charge. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Rusk for posting waste collection schedules on all the cottages. Your committee will keep you informed of any changes regarding waste removal.

Road Signs and Directory: Mr. Robert Brown reported that all signs were taken down in the Fall and placed in order this Spring. Some repainting has been done and the plan for the coming year is to paint the Directory.

Security Committee: Mr. Parker gave the following report - "I am happy to report, as you no doubt know by now, that we enjoyed a closed season period without break-ins or acts of vandalism.

The success of the program can be attributed to:

1. The cooperation of the membership in completing and returning the security questionnaire.
2. The untiring efforts of inspectors - Miss Mary Giles; Mr. Ed Finch; Nelson Harris; Bob Huber; Ted Powell; Rusty Rusk and Mr. Panzanhagen.
3. Chief John Schmitter of the Northfield Police was very cooperative and offered his whole hearted support.
4. Northfield School participation
5. Another big factor was "Old Man Winter"

As for the future we ask:

1. Please check all doors and windows to be sure they are locked before leaving the cottage.
2. Remove or hide valuables when you leave.
3. Check your neighbors property during the summer season.
4. Get details of strange vehicles in your area, license, color & type car.
5. Advise Miss Lauber of any change of address, telephone number and key location.
6. The police have offered to make available for our use - instruments to mark valuable items. If interested we can make arrangements.
7. I am working on a key number system instead of name tags with Holloway & Turner.

Again, thank you for your cooperation."

Necrology Committee: Mrs. Bernice Rubyor reported the following deaths during the past year - Rev. Henry Meyer, Aug. 9, 1981; Mr. C.J. Broadhead - Jan. 6, 1982; Miss Minnie Erb, Feb. 7, 1982 and Mrs. Josephine Wood, June 8, 1982. Expressions of sympathy were sent to the families of the deceased.

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

The Board of Directors recommended a proposed budget for 1982-83. VOTED to approve the Budget as recommended by the Board of Directors. (copy attached to these minutes)

The Board of Directors recommend that the Active Members' dues for 1982-83 be \$30.00 per cottage and the Associate Members' be \$3.00 per person. VOTED to approve members' dues as presented by the Board of Directors.

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

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| President | - | Mr. David Berger | |
| Vice President | - | Mrs. Marilyn Williams | |
| Treasurer | - | Miss Ruth Card | |
| Clerk | - | Miss Gertrude Lauber | |
| Directors | - | Dr. Eric Gardner | - Term Expires 1983 |
| | | Mr. David England | - " " 1983 |
| | | Mr. John Hann, 3d | - " " 1984 |
| | | Mr. Nicholas White- | - " " 1984 |
| | | Mr. William Thompson | - " " 1985 |
| | | Mrs. Mary Snyder | - " " 1985 |

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

The Nominating Committee presented a list of committees for the year:-

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| 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. William, Thompson, Chmn.
Mr. Eugene Baudouin
Mr. John Hann, Jr. |
| Necrology | - Mrs. Bernice Rubyor |
| Security | - Mr. Robert Huber, Chmn.
Mr. Arthur Parker, Jr.
Mrs. Mary Giles Fillion
Mr. Ed Finch
Mr. Floyd Rusk |

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

The Board of Directors recommended that Mr. Ed Finch be made an Honorary Associate member.
This was so moved and carried.

Mrs. Dorothy Noble spoke to the meeting about the possibility of having open house on the Ridge for Ridge residents only.
(No action was taken)

At this time the President, Mr. John Hann, 3rd, introduced our new President Mr. David Berger.

The President expressed thanks to Mr. Hann for his services and to Mr. Nelson Harris for doing what he could as president.

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

Rev. Alexander closed the meeting with prayer.

Gertrude K. Lauber
Clerk