

The Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Assoc., Inc. was held on Saturday, August 11, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. in the Music Hall of The Northfield Schools.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Marilyn Williams who opened the meeting with prayer.

At this time the president introduced the Northfield Postmaster who told of his plan to stop door to door delivery on the Ridge and have groups of boxes placed in several areas. Several Ridge members questioned him about our being eligible for house delivery, etc. The Board of Directors will discuss the matter and get back to the Postmaster - telling him of the feelings of the members.

The call of the meeting was read by the Clerk.

VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

VOTED that the Board of Directors approve the Clerk's minutes of our Annual Meeting.

Report of President:- Mrs. Williams gave a report making mention of the important happenings of the year. Contacts were made with Bob Huber, head of Security and Ed Finch, Ridge Representative and liaison with the Town, to see if there were any matters which would concern us. The problem of getting someone to collect our garbage was conferred with Gertrude Lauber. Two letters were sent to the membership one regarding security and the annual letter in the Spring. Two meetings were held with Board members and chairmen of committees who carry on the Ridge business.

A few things that effect us all:-

1. There are many dead trees and branches on the Ridge which could cause property damage. Everyone is asked to have them removed to protect property.
2. A few children have had a problem with loose dogs. The State and Town law (Chapt 140 Sect 167) states a dog can be confiscated or killed by law officers if found running loose. If members have a problem we ask that they speak to dog owners. If problem continues notify Dog Warden - Mr. James Whitcomb at 5052.
3. Northfield Water Company installed new pipes in the woods and this has improved pressure for the top Ridges for which we are all thankful.

Thanks is expressed to the Security Committee for their winter surveillance, a very positive addition to the safety of Ridge homes. We also thank Northfield/Mt. Hermon Schools for making the Ridge off-limits to their students and to Town Police for prompt response and help when needed.

Report of Clerk:- Miss Lauber stated that all duties of the office were performed, keeping records of business meetings and taking care of necessary correspondence during the year. Your cooperation in keeping us informed of address changes is appreciated.

Ridge Representative:- Mr. Edwin Finch reported that the rains of June flooded many roads causing minor washouts along the sides of some roads. The culvert by Broadheads is plugged and no water is able to go through.

Last Fall the police were notified of people being on the 7th Ridge and fires were built at the end of the road. They were apprehended and did not return. Older men were found in that area with 4-wheel drive vehicles parked and looking over the cottages. These were reported to police. Increasingly, 4-wheel drive vehicles and dirt bikes have taken to using the roads and trails in this area.

Appreciation is given to Mike Gibson, Road Superintendent and Richard Taerner, Police Chief for their help in handling the aforementioned problems. Thanks is expressed to Marilyn Williams for the new maps which have been given to NMH School, the police and fire departments.

Auditing Committee:- Mr. Arthur Parker reported that the Books and Records of the Association were reviewed and found to be correct and maintained in an excellent manner.

Treasurer's Report:- Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$5,542.57. (Copy of this report attached to these minutes.)

VOTED to accept all Officers reports as presented.

Road Committee:- Mr. William Thompson reported that William Walker was hired to make necessary repairs on our roads. However, this work has not been done at this time.

Insect Control:- Mr. Eugene Baudouin reported that Mr. Lanoue sprayed for mosquito control May 27th and June 29th. Laracide pellets were put on various swamp areas on June 15, July 15 and the last will be on Aug. 15. We hope this will somewhat, abate the insect invasion. We are exploring other safe, environmental methods and approaches to this problem. The results of the studies and recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Directors for their perusal.

Sanitation Committee:- Miss Lauber reported that we were unable to obtain someone to collect our rubbish. Mrs. Thompson was not available due to a break down of the truck. Every effort will be made to obtain someone for next year.

Road Signs and Directory:- Mr. Robert Brown reported that John Hann 3rd took down the signs in the Fall and put them back in the Spring. An effort has been made to clarify the present road sign system. Name signs at the intersection of Woodruff Way and Willow Lane were changed to Woodruff Way and Mountain Road with arrows painted showing direction of the cottage. A new sign for Woodruff Way was made for that intersection. A new sign was made for West Lane at the Willow Lane intersection and "One Way" signs were made for each end of West Lane. Two name signs were changed - Woods on 4th Ridge to Read; Kelly on Woodruff Way to Sines. In the process of being done is a new sign for Wood Way showing the names of those who use Wood Way as access to their cottages. New signs for all cottages on the right side of North Lane are also being made.

Security Committee:- Mr. Robert Huber reported that there were no serious problems with vandalism during the winter. There was one incident on the 7th Ridge where people built a camp fire. Ed Finch found this and the police took care of apprehending them. The police patrolled the area until the snow came. A large pine tree fell at the Jones cottage, Mr. Bolton made temporary repairs and Mr. Jones was called and made aware of the problem. Let's hope the coming winter will be as uneventful as last.

Necrology Committee:- Mr. John Hann, Jr. read a report from Mrs. Rubyor who has been unable to be on the Ridge due to illness. There were three deaths this year - Patricia Jacobs, 10 years old, daughter of Rev. Warren Jacobs on August 16, 1983; Mr. Earl M. Loomis on July 17, 1984 and Kristin Kent on August 5, 1984. Sympathy cards with written messages were sent to these families.

VOTED to accept the reports of all committees as presented.

The Board of Directors recommended a proposed budget for 1984-85.

VOTED to adopt the Budget as presented and recommended by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors recommend that the Active Members' Dues for 1984-85 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:- Mrs. Lucia Powell presented the following slate of

Officers and Directors:-

President	- Mrs. Marilyn Williams		
Vice President	- Mr. William Thompson		
Treasurer	- Miss Ruth Card		
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber		
Directors	- Mrs. Mary Snyder	- Term Expires	1985
	Mr. David England	- " "	1985
	Mrs. Elaine Tenney	- " "	1986

- Mr. Eugene Baudouin - Term Expires 1986
- Mr. John Hann, 3rd - " " 1987
- Mr. Nicholas White - " " 1987

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

The Nominating Committee presented a list of recommended committees for the year.

Road Committee - Mr. William Thompson, 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. Eugene Baudouin, Chmn.  
Mr. John Hann, Jr.

Necrology - Mrs. Bernice Rubyor

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

The president made the following announcements:-

- 1- There are several things that need changing on our "Important Information" sheets. The Board of Directors will review these and have copies available for each cottage.
- 2- In case of a problem with the Vermont Yankee Atomic Plant all residents are to take any road to Greenfield and go to the the Greenfield Community College shelter.
- 3- There are two houses for sale on the Ridge - Mr. Francis Jones and Mrs. Mary (Giles) Filian.
- 4- Mrs. Anna Ray is residing at the Rochester Presbyterian Home and would be glad to hear from her Ridge friends.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Lucia and David Powell for so faithfully caring for the flower garden.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Gertrude Lauber for all she has done during the year, going out of her way to keep things running properly.

There being no further business to come before the meeting Mr. Arthur Parker closed the meeting with prayer.

*Gertrude Lauber*  
*Clerk*