

The Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. was held on Saturday, August 6, 1988 in the Music Hall of the Northfield Schools.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. David England who opened the meeting with prayer.

The call of the meeting was read by the Clerk.

The President expressed a word of welcome to new members:- Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Sommers who purchased the Gardner cottage; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Samet- Baudouin cottage; and Rev. & Mrs. Jonathon Heydenreich- Page cottage.

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

Report of President:- "Again, as in years past, our governmental organization has operated well. All committees and officers have performed their assigned tasks well, with the exception of our Insect Control Committee, which you will hear more of during the committee reports portion of our meeting.

Our Roads Committee did so well that I dissolved the President's Advisory Committee on the Roads in favor of the report which it will give later.

All matters brought to my attention have been dealt with directly by me or through appropriate officers and committees.

I will be stepping down as president later in this meeting. So here I say "thank you" for your wholehearted support these past two years. This little governmental body has provided me with a greater opportunity to meet and work with many of you than any other experience I've had on the Ridge. That experience has deepened my attachment to this Ridge community and the reasons we are here."

Report of Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that all notices of Directors and the Annual Meeting were sent out. Contacts were made with the Treasurer and Committee Chairmen for the smooth operation of the Association. Name changes were reported to the Sign Committee and deaths were reported to Necrology Committee. A word of thanks is expressed to those who have diligently cooperated which has resulted in the smooth operation of the Ridge this year.

Ridge Representative:- Mr. Edwin Finch gave a detailed report regarding the break-ins of five cottages in the Fall. A meeting with the Selectmen and Chief of police resulted in the patrolling of Woodruff Way, North Lane and Cliff Road. There is no side stepping the issue of persons coming to the Ridge and traveling on the roads and paths. Posting of signs is the only real recourse in case of apprehension of a person or persons in trespassing, damaging, or stealing from our residences. Bob Huber, Mike Hanrahan, Rusty Rusk and myself continue to patrol the area in the fall and winter and report whatever we find. It is requested that if anything out of the ordinary is going to take place on your property notify Bob Huber, Mike Hanrahan or myself, thus we will be assured that you have authorized it.

Auditing Committee:- On August 4, 1988, a complete review was made of the Treasurer's Books and Records of the Rustic Ridge Ass'n, Inc. for the period August 1, 1987 to July 31, 1988. We found all records in order and in balance and accurately stated. Trish White, Chmn.; Arthur R. Parker, Jr.

Treasurer's Report:- Mr. Warren Snyder reported a balance on hand of \$5,181.63. (Copy of this report attached to these minutes.)

VOTED that all Officers reports be accepted as presented.

Road Committee:- Mr. Henry Longley stated that all culverts were cleaned out in November and again in April 1988. Some damage was found on Cliff Road which will be repaired under regular maintenance. No damage was done this winter by the plowing of Wood Way. Individual cottage owners are requested to sweep the roads clean in front of their cottages to help prolong the life of our roads. A small sweeper will be used to clean as much of the roads as possible.

Insect Control:- The President reported that our spraying contractor was called and was told that his spraying equipment had rusted out and he did not plan to replace it, since we were his largest and almost only customer. With the help of Bill Thompson and Nick White, we called every sprayer and information source we could find. We learned that no one is spraying anymore. Even the Town of Northfield, which used to do aerial spraying, stopped some 3 to 5 years ago. There are questions both as to the hazards the chemicals used pose to sprayers as well as the actual effectiveness of the sprayings themselves.

We were able to purchase some pellets which were placed in frog pond.

Even if we had sprayed, the chemicals would have washed away by the heavy rains at that time.

I recommend that the question of what further action should be taken on insect spraying by the Association be turned over to the Board of Directors.

Sanitation Committee:- Miss Lauber reported that Mr. Charles Hewitt had been contracted to collect waste on the Ridge. He is doing an excellent job and we have not had any complaints. The Town by vote at the Annual Meeting has made recycling of newspapers and bottles mandatory. Waste collection and regulations were placed at all cottages. Cardboard boxes can also be taken to the dump for recycling. Members are asked to post waste schedules in their cottages so available especially if someone else uses cottage.

Road Signs & Directory:- Mr. John Hann stated that the Directory was taken down in the fall and put back in the Spring. All necessary name changes have been made. Also some road signs.

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Bernice Rubyor reported two deaths this past year Mr. Walter Sprague in November 1987 and Dr. G. Joseph Poole, son of Gordon Poole, died at the age of 49 in May, 1988. Sympathy cards were sent to their families from the Association.

Voted to accept reports of all committees as presented.

The Board of Directors recommended the Budget for 1988-89.

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 1988-89 be \$10.00 per cottage and Associate Members' \$4.00 per person.

VOTED to approve the Members' Dues as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Nominating Committee:- Mr. Arthur Parker presented the following slate of Officers and Directors:-

President	- Mrs. Carol Santos		
Vice Pres.	- Miss Frances Pearson		
Treasurer	- Mr. Warren Snyder		
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber		
Directors	- Mrs. Estelle Heydenreich	- Term Expires	1989
	Mr. Theodore Denise	" "	1989
	Mrs. Bernice Rubyor	" "	1990
	Dr. Lucy Hann Livingston	" "	1990
	Mr. Henry Longley	" "	1991
	Mr. Charles Crain	" "	1991

VOTED to accept the report, nominations be closed and Clerk to cast one ballot.

The Nominating Committee presented a list of recommended Committees for 1988-89.

Road Committee	- Henry Longley, Chmn.
	George Marston
	William Whitney
Sanitation	- Gertrude Lauber
Road Signs and	- Robert Brown, Chmn.
Directory	John Hann, 3rd
Necrology	- Bernice Rubyor

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

The Board of Directors recommended Rev. & Mrs. Alexander Babos as Associate Members. This was so moved and carried.

Trish White gave a report stating that in July 1987 the Association received a letter from the Massachusetts Revenue Department saying we were liable for the Corporation Excise Tax of \$228.00 for 1987 and every year since the date of Incorporation in 1944 plus interest and penalties.

In order to be relieved of past Massachusetts tax liability we must apply for and be granted tax exemption by the Federal Government under Sec. 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code. When the Government issues this exemption we will be granted exemption by the State upon their receiving a copy from us.

In as much as we were unable to have insect spraying this year the president asked for a showing of hands as to those who thought insects were worse this year and those who didn't think they were worse. The result was that over 50% felt it was no worse.

Motion was made that the Board of Directors make a survey of the members regarding spraying. This was so moved and carried.

At this time the president presented our new president, Mrs. Carol Santos.

The new president, Mrs. Santos, expressed our thanks to Mr. England for his services the past two years.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. David England closed the meeting with prayer.

Gertrude Lamber
Clerk