

RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 8, 1998--10:00 A.M.
Margaret Conner, President, Presiding

AGENDA

1. Reading of Annual Meeting Notice Marilyn Williams, Clerk
2. Prayer of Thanksgiving
3. Minutes of the August 2, 1997 Annual Meeting
Distributed: Motion to dispense with the reading.
4. Introduction of Members
5. NMH President, Richard Mueller
6. Reports of the Officers: Margaret Conner, President
Auditor's Report: Ed Burdick
Treasurer's Report: Lucia Powell
7. Activities of the Association
 - A. Trash and Recycling Warren Snyder
 - B. Road Maintenance, Repair, etc. David Powell
 - C. Road Signs and Directory Lucy Livingston
 - D. Memorials Elaine Harned
 - E. Gardens The Powells & G. Thomas
 - F. Security Bob Huber
 - G. Ridge Representative Kenneth Hoff
 - H. Taxpayers for a Safe/Prosperous Nfld. Trish White
8. Old Business:
 - A. Charitable Contribution (1997)
 - B. Northfield Community Newsletter
 - C. Address List and By-Laws
9. New Business:
 - A. Nominations
 - B. Budget for 1998-1999 Lucia Powell
 - C. Charitable Contribution for 1998-1999
 - D. Resource List
 - E. Summer Ridge Clean Up Day 1998
 - F. Recreation Ed Moore
 - G. Announcements: Houses for Sale, Conference, others.
10. Adjournment

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TONIGHT 7PM

RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS
(Those listed in bold letters are the nominees)

PRESIDENT: **Margaret Connor**

VICE PRESIDENT: **John Voorhies**

CLERK: **Marilyn Williams**

TREASURER: **Lucia Powell**

DIRECTORS: **Class of 2001: Lucy Livingston: Ann Stearns**

Class of 2000: Dorothy Foster; Dick Young

Class of 1999: Tim Harned; Edward Sonoski

RIDGE REPRESENTATIVE: **Kenneth Hoff**

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
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The Clerk read the Call to the Annual Meeting and the President opened the meeting with a prayer of Thanksgiving.

It was moved, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes, since they were mailed previous to the meeting.

The President asked the members to introduce themselves to the gathering.

Dave Powell introduced the President of the Northfield-Mount Hermon Schools, Richard Mueller, who told us how he came to be at the Schools and encouraged us to work together with him for a sense of community. A short question period followed.

Reports of the Officers:

Our president gave an informal report, talking about the May storm and its damage and the spirit of the people on the Ridge, mentioning people and events. In addition, she reported on the visions for the Ridge that were suggested at the 1997 Annual Meeting.

The auditor's report, prepared by Ed Burdick, was reviewed by LeRoy Martin who stated that all is in order.

The Treasurer, Lucia Powell, reported our expenditures for the year beginning August 1997 and ending August 1998.

It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to accept the reports of the officers. (The reports are on file.)

Activities of the Association:

Trash and Recycling: Warren Snyder suggested that the members check the recycling pages previously handed out for the correct way to handle throwaway items.

Road Maintenance and Repair: David Powell identified three priority spots needing work. 1. Two have have been addressed at this time with plans underway for the third. 2. The roads were swept in the spring. 3. Cautionary information was given about the size of construction trucks using our roads. We must not allow more than single axel trucks except in emergency situations and then the truck driver should be made aware of water lines and other damageable features.

Road Signs and Directories: Lucy Hann Livingston requested that people let her know if any signs need to be changed.

Gardens: George Thomas, Lucia Powell and Dave Powell were thanked for their gardening contributions which enhance the whole Ridge.

Security: Bob Huber was thanked for his surveillance during the winter months which adds to our sense of security.

Ridge Representative: Ken Hoff reported that if we want to be on the mailing list of the Northfield Newsletter, let him know.

Recycling Plant: Trish White reported that the project has been defeated and that the lawyers have written off the rest of our bill. She also recommended Michael Pill, a lawyer in Leverett, for property transactions.

Old Business

A note was read from the Northfield Senior Care organization thanking the Association for the monetary gift the Association gave them last fall.

New Business

John Voorhies presented the slate of officers for election as follows. Margaret Conner, President; John Voorhies, Vice President; Marilyn Williams, Clerk; Lucia Powell, Treasurer; Directors; Class of 2001, Lucy Livingston and Ann Stearns.

It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to authorize the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate. These officers join the other directors, Class of 2000: Dorothy Foster and Dick Young and Class of 1999: Tim Harned and Ed Sonoski.

Budget 1998-99

The Treasurer, Lucia Powell, presented a budget and held a discussion of the Reserve Fund. Hoyt Chapin reported on a letter from an insurance company as to the liability involved in various scenarios when a tree falls.

It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to delegate to the Board the decision as to whether 'Brush Removal' should become a "Line item" in the budget.

It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to accept the budget as presented.

The Board was Authorized by acclamation to decide which town organizations would receive our charitable gifts this year.

Recreation: Ed Moore, reporting for Dorothy Foster, presented a comprehensive list of places to go and how to get there including maps. They re-marked some of the trails whose markings had become indistinct and they were thanked profusely.

Miscellany: 1. Bill Whitney reported that the value of the Ridge Association property was approximately \$3,500,000 or 3% of the whole town whose value is \$97,000,000. 2. The Ridge is now on the 911 system. 3. Reminder to put garbage cans away after they have been emptied. 4. A special volunteer committee on vacant cottages will meet at the pool tonight before the picnic. These signed up. MK Merelice, Charlotte Martin, Bob Caruthers, Jim Broadhead, Lucy Livingston, Gordon Bennett, Hoyt Chapin. 5. Hoyt Chapin made a plea to have our dues increased.

It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn A. Williams, Clerk

Addenda ① TO Minutes 8/98

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To the Owners and Renters of Rustic Ridge:-

1. The Massachusetts Law prohibits outside fires except by permit from the fire warden at specified times of the year. It is suggested that each resident make proper provisions for adequate fire protection with fire extinguishers and outside hoses.
2. Arrangements have been made for the regular collection of trash, including recyclables such as newspapers, aluminum cans, plastics, etc.
3. All residents will extend to their neighbors the courtesy of reasonable quiet, especially early morning and after 11.00 P.M. It is also suggested that care be exercised in the use of radios, musical instruments, chain saws, bug zappers and noisy vehicles at all times.
4. The Town Leash Law, which is enforced, states that all dogs must be kept on a leash and within the house when the family is absent.
5. Because of the strict State Law regarding fire arms, including air rifles, it is requested that none be brought to the Ridge.
6. Residents are expected to keep their property clear three feet back from the road.
7. In addition to the Town Tax, the Association, at the Annual Meeting, by majority vote, levies dues on all cottages on the Ridge. These dues maintain the Ridge's private roads, signs, garbage disposal, insect control and other necessary Ridge expenses.
8. From October to May, Ridge property is patrolled by Police and by volunteers. Please report any irregularity to Bob Huber (498-2769) and the Town Police as soon as possible.
9. All owners, renters and guests are expected to observe the Golden Rule. All are urged to attend the Annual Meeting, usually held the first week in August.

Board of Directors
RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Northfield, MA 01360

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