

Rustic Ridge Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
Telephone Conference Call

The conference call began as scheduled at 6:00 PM EDT. Participating were Anne Whitney, Carolee and Bob Ziegenhagen, Lucy Livingston, Martha Schoonover, Jean Bubriski, Barbara Walker, Leesa Campbell and Margie Conner.

Minutes – Minutes for the August 2017 Board Meeting were approved without change.

Finance - Carolee Ziegenhagen reviewed the budget status. She reported that a \$600 invoice from last year had been mislaid and was not paid until recently. Dues collections has been good, with 46 full memberships and 23 associate memberships have paid so far. Donations of \$1590 have been received. We anticipate collecting all outstanding dues.

Security Report – In early April a severe storm knocked several trees and power lines down. Mark Given notified Lucy Livingston who contacted Eversource Electric and they addressed the power lines very quickly. Fortunately, no cottages appear to have been damaged. The Board is very appreciative of Mark Given's work to inspect and report on Ridge properties and roads.

Roads Report – Bob reported that the culverts were cleaned out and overhead limbs were cut down in the fall of 2017. Later this Spring, Ridge streets will be swept, the North Lane mail area will be leveled and repaved and the swale along Spring Lane will be cleaned out.

Pool Closure – Martha reported that Snow and Sons (the current owners of the Golf Course and Pool) will not be opening the pool this year or in the future. The Snows were very appreciative of the importance of the pool to the community but they believed the economic obstacles were overwhelming. The Board thanked Margie for her efforts to keep the pool open. The Vernon Vt. pool and Greenfield YMCA were mentioned as alternatives. The Thomas Aquinas College will be opening its doors in September 2019, a year later than originally planned; they may also make their pool available to the public.

The former pool site will be maintained as a general community meeting place and the snack bar will be retained. Several people commented on the need for the Ridge to have such a venue to help build the Ridge sense of community, particularly for elderly Ridge members who might be seeking more social activities.

Other Events - Martha reviewed the schedule for the annual social events:

- **Fourth of July Parade and Reception** – Bob and Carolee Ziegenhagen will again host the reception.
- **Lobster Fest Saturday July 7** - We might not be able to continue with lobster this year because of an anticipated sharp increase in lobster prices.
- **Cottage Crawl July 29** - Barbara and Jean asked for volunteers to open their cottages this year. They hope for 8 to 10 sites, with showings from 2:00 to 4:00 and 4:00 to 6:00. We might reduce the number of cottages if we can not get enough volunteers.

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- Annual Meeting Saturday August 4 at 9:30
- Annual Picnic Saturday August 4 – Lucy will recommend a location for this year's Picnic. .
- Sunday Service at TCC August 5 at 10 – We are yet to finalize a preacher.
- Summer Activities for Rangers – Additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Catherine Broadhead.
- Lucy asked for Tennis players to contribute to the Tennis Court Fund. She will send a request to Board members as a reminder.
- The CS Lewis Foundation will be having several excellent programs this year. Mary Key asked to mail information to our members and we agreed that she should forward the material to us for mailing.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.