

Road Report Rustic Ridge Annual Meeting Aug. 5, 2006<sup>1.</sup>

Bob Ziegenhagen continues, with another hat, as co-chair of the roads.

Last year, Steve Wiggin and crew dug water run-off trenches, put in 2-3 inch rip rap rocks, filled holes in the road, and generally leveled the roads for 300 feet down the North end of Wood Way and down the Willows for 300 feet from the top at Woodruff Way. They also installed a culvert across Wood Way. Weather and scheduling problems got in the way of applying black top, also known as macadam or asphalt, last fall. It was applied this summer during the same week that the Road Department of the Town of Northfield contracted Lane Construction to apply what they call a skim and leveling coat of black top on all of North Lane and Woodruff Way. This is the first time in memory that the town roads have ever been so thoroughly treated.

They expect to come back in late August or September to apply oil and gravel. Tom Walker says that it should fill voids and stick well. It will be similar to recoating your driveway. We have written a thank you letter to Tom Walker which I hope all of you will sign.

Our volunteer "Road Crew" met July 8th and July 29th to weed whack and trim bushes and overhanging tree limbs. The lower part of the Willows and all of East Lane and Pine Road have been done. Its always refreshing to see "high achievers" <sup>who</sup> willingly do "grunge" work on the road crew for the good of the community!

So far this summer volunteers have been Bob Caruthers, Vince Catania, Margie Connor, Cenn Dwyer, Lucia Powell, Mary and Warren Snyder and Bob Ziegenhagen. Wood Way, Oak Terrace, Ledge Road, Spring Road, and Cliff Road need some attention.

Please raise your hand or contact me later for the possibility of 2 more sessions on Monday and Saturday mornings Aug. 7 and Aug. 12. Steve Wiggins has been on vacation so we don't have specific projects and pricing together yet for this year's road budget. Black top for 25ft. at the end of Heath Road and 55ft. at the end of Spring Road to make a good connection to North Lane is likely. New trap rock grounds will help in several places on Wood Way and Oak Terrace. Otherwise our focus in the next few years should be on East Lane (especially) and Pine Road. Everything else that has been done over the past 6 years seems to be in good shape. The total cost of last year's work was \$6,720, more than double the normal yearly budget. Thanks to your contributions to the Reserve Fund (some very sizeable) we have now put black top on all of the roads that have the steepest inclines. Thanks a lot!