

**Rustic Ridge Association  
Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 8:00 P.M. Ridge Time  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**In attendance:** Bob and Carolee Ziegenhagen, Phil Sherburne, Marianne Chenoweth, John Powell, Binnie Gurney, Doug Denise, Caroline Bellum, Trish White, Chris Martin, Jeannie Bubriski, Lindsey Lack, Catherine Broadhead.

**President's Welcome** - Chris Martin led off with an update on the East Northfield Water Company restructuring. According to Donald G. Glascoff, Jr. President of the East Northfield Water Company, the waiver for non-filtration approved was approved indefinitely by the State. In addition, the transfer of assets from ENWC to Grandin is in process. Our regular water bill will now be on the Northfield tax bill.

**Minutes from February Meeting** – The minutes approved with a minor change.

**Treasurer's Report** – Doug gave his report and reviewed spending to date and versus prior years. At this moment our total funds on hand are \$36,377 following income of \$13,730 and expenses of \$ 3,854 Doug is looking for another 5 contributions coming in before year end. 34 people paid by PayPal while 41 paid by check. Specifics are provided in the attachments. Doug will prepare a budget for next year and get approval by email.

Doug reported that the list of Associates in our mailing list is not the same as the list of people who have paid Associate dues. He suggested we should coordinate the two lists.

Phil Sherbourne reported that he sold his second and last cottage and thought the new owner would want to join the Association. He said new owners plan to winterize the cottage and rent it to their children. The sale should close on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Roads** – Phil Sherbourn reported that Seth Wiggin filled in potholes on The Willows and put warning rods to delineate the edge of the road a little more clearly. Lindsey Lack showed photos of the work. We saved some money by not sweeping the sides of the roads this year and the roads did not have an accumulation of leaves so additional brushing was not necessary. North lane is fully paved and looks good. The city is still working on Woodruff at this time. Roads Committee spending will undoubtedly be under budget.

**Trash** - It appears that Steve Severance has recovered and has resumed trash collection. Chris will confirm that he is willing and able to continue.

**Social Committee** – Jeannie Bubriski spoke on the 125 Rustic Ridge Anniversary celebration, starting with the “Look Back” Zoom meeting looking back at history. Jeannie detailed the extensive list of events planned and was thanked and thanked again for her excellent work. She has many volunteers to help with events but is still looking for a few more. A full list of events is detailed in the attachments.

Carolee Ziegenhagen updated the group on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration party. Attendance should be a little over 100, under the maximum capacity is 120. To date, 72 people have said they are coming. 20 more have not responded yet but are expected to come. Carol is preparing a seating plan and asked for input from attendees with specific

seating requests. Some board members volunteered to subsidize special non-member friends of the Association who are receiving invitations.

### **Nominating Committee**

Carolee Ziegenhagen thanked the nominating committee members for their thoughtful input: Leesa Campbell, Trish White and Margie Conner. A list of nominees is in the attachment.

The meeting ended at 9:25 PM

Submitted Bob Ziegenhagen, Clerk  
June 9, 2026

## **Rustic Ridge Board Meeting Agenda**

**June 9, 2026**

- Approve minutes from Feb 11, 2026
- President's Welcome – Chris Martin
- Treasurer's Report – Doug Denise
- Roads - Lindsey & Phil
- Trash - Trish White
- Rustic Ridge 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - summer events- Jeannie
- Rustic Ridge 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – August 1<sup>st</sup> - Carolee
- Nominating Committee - slate of officers for 2026 – 2027 - Carolee.
- Other business:
- Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> Jim Ault's Video – “The History of Rustic Ridge and the families who have been coming for 125 years.” At Northfield Mt Hermon campus – auditorium to be announced. More information about his work : <http://Jamesault.com>

## Treasurer's Report (Revised)

At 6/8/26

1. Greenfield Cooperative Bank account balance \$35,703.06

2. PayPal account balance \$674.10.

3. Total FY25-26 Revenue to date

Contributions	\$ 2,377.38
Dues Active Members	10,173.22
Dues Associate Members	1,173.47
Interest Income	<u>6.64</u>
Total	\$13,730.71

4. Total FY25-26 Expenses to date \$ 3,854.37

Community Contribution \$1,000, Five Acre Property \$404.37,  
Road Maintenance \$1,000.00, Social \$200, Trash Collection \$1,250.

5. Member Dues payments and contributions for reserves

FY25-26 at June 8

Active Members/cottages 52 paid of 64 cottages listed	\$10,173.22
Associate Members/Families 23 paid of 48 listed	\$ 1,173.47
Active Member Reserve Contributions - 13	\$ 1,506.54
Associate Member Reserve Contributions - 8	\$ 870.84

FY24-25 at June 1

Active Members/cottages 49 paid of 64 cottages listed	\$9,679.68
Associate Members/Families 18 paid of 48 listed	\$ 925.16
Active Member Reserve Contributions - 17	\$1,251.11
Associate Member Reserve Contributions - 3	\$ 58.05

FY23-24 at April 20

Active Members/cottages 48 paid of 63 cottages listed	\$7,053.85
Associate Members/Families 19 paid of 52 listed	\$ 742.95
Active Member Reserve Contributions - 13	\$ 920.99
Associate Member Reserve Contributions - 2	\$ 115.80

6. In March 2026, PayPal invoices for annual dues were sent to all Active and Associate Members except those who'd already paid and a few with no listed email address (to whom letters were mailed). As of this report, 34 Members have paid via PayPal. PayPal email reminders for unpaid dues (from [rusticridgeboard@gmail.com](mailto:rusticridgeboard@gmail.com)) were sent on June 4th. Additional requests for dues will be made, as required.

## 7. Annual Government Reports

Federal Annual 990-N Tax Return for FY24-25 filed September 29,  
2025 Massachusetts Annual Corporation Report filed October 2,  
2025

8. Recommendation: That sometime in the next year the Board undertake a review of Active and Associate Member rolls to clarify the following: membership status, what is minimally required to maintain membership and the process for adding, changing and/or discontinuing membership.

## Social Report – Jeannie Bubriski

**Subject:** The Rustic Ridge 125 Anniversary is Starting!

**The RR 125th has already started, as discussed below. Please see the attached list of all the activities planned for the Rustic Ridge 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**1. Cena Dwyer and Misha Storm of the Dickinson Library lead the May 6th "Look Back" zoom.** 23 Ridge people came to the zoom. Some people had roots in RR since the 1900s, and they were fondly remembering those ancestors who started Ridge traditions for their families. On the east end of the Ridge, ice cream socials with hymn sings and noisy Pit games were recalled. On the west end of the Ridge, playing games in the Loos's ping pong house and enjoying the Poole's playground on the 7th Ridge were remembered. A few recent Ridge couples said how they loved the nature of Northfield, the charm of the old cottages, and the prospect of happy summers into retirement on Rustic Ridge. Many people expressed thanks for the friendship and help from full-time residents on the Ridge like Bob Huber in years past and Mark Given, Steve Severance, Ed Shearer, and Phil Baker and others in the present. Thanks to Cena and Misha for the heart-warming fellowship!

**2. 20 RR members have volunteered to organize many activities for the RR 125th anniversary year! However, we still need someone to volunteer to organize the July 4th potluck dinner at 6 pm at the Golf Pavilion.**

There are only 2 things to do: 1. email out an invite about the Potluck and make sure we are not all bringing dessert. (Carolee Ziegenhagen can help get the invite mailed out to all.) 2. At 5 pm on July 4th, put tablecloths out on the picnic tables and prepare the potluck tables (I already have a few people who will help with this). The Golf Course will make sure the tables are already out in the Pavilion. Please email Jeannie Bubriski at [jbubriski33@gmail.com](mailto:jbubriski33@gmail.com) if you can be the organizer for the July 4th Potluck Dinner. Thank you.

**3. Several people have already sent RSVPs for the August 1 RR 125th Anniversary Celebration at 6 pm.** Thanks to Lynn (Biney) Gurney for the lovely invitation and to several volunteers with Carolee Ziegenhagen who are working to make this Celebration delicious, lots of fun and very memorable.

**4. There is a "Newly Added" event noted on the list of activities attached. There will be a short hike at the Alderbrook Trail on Saturday, July 25, from 10 to 12** led by Cindie Moore and staff of the Mt. Grace Land Conservation.

We should have quite a summer of 2026, our 125th!

Yours,  
Jeannie Bubriski  
Social Director for the Rustic Ridge



SAVE THE DATE!

**The Rustic Ridge 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is on August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6 pm**

At the Beech House

Delicious catered meal

Fun activities for kids and grown-ups

Family photo displays from RR members

Music from the 1920s to the 2020s

\$50 per adult, \$30 per teen (13-18), \$15 per child (12-6), free per child under 5

Please send check to Carolee Ziegenhagen, 11 Linden Ave, Northfield before July 14th

**OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE RR 125<sup>TH</sup>**

**UPDATE AS OF JUNE 6, 2026**

**June 24, Wednesday, Rustic Ridge Day at the Northfield Conference**, held at Northfield Mt Hermon School, Gill. Learn about the history of the Northfield Conferences and the present Conferences held at Mt. Hermon. Dottie Foster will speak about her history at the Northfield Conferences and in Guatemala. **Email to follow.** Contact Rebecca Foster: [rjfooster6@gmail.com](mailto:rjfooster6@gmail.com)

**July 4, Saturday, 9:30 am. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade (meet at the flagpole on North Lane) and Reception at 33 Linden Avenue.** Hosts: Lynzi Ziegenhagen and Lindsey Lack.

**July 4, Saturday, 6 pm. July 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck Dinner** at the Golf Pavilion. **\*Organizer Needed!\***

**\*Newly Added: July 25, Saturday, 10 am to 12 pm, Walk to the Alderbrook Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary.** Our guides will be staff members and volunteers of the Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust. The trust protects forests, farms, and waterways in an area that includes Northfield. During the walk, we will learn not only about the wildlife, but the Native Americans who inhabited the area and the colonial settlements. The walk is approximately a half hour in length and is wheelchair accessible though moderately challenging with a grade of approximately 12%. Limit of 15 participants. Please confirm at [cindiemoore@yahoo.com](mailto:cindiemoore@yahoo.com). For more information, see <https://www.mountgrace.org/visit/conserved/alderbrook-meadows-wildlife-sanctuary>.

**\*Newly Revised: July 26, Sunday, 3 pm. History of the Rustic Ridge at the Trinitarian Congregational Church.** Open to all. Presented by Margie Conner and Jeannie Bubriski. Audience

discussion of memories of the Rustic Ridge will be encouraged. [mrconner810@gmail.com](mailto:mrconner810@gmail.com) and [jbubriski33@gmail.com](mailto:jbubriski33@gmail.com)

The special new video by Jim Ault about Rustic Ridge will be shown on August 15<sup>th</sup>: time and location to be announced soon (see below).

**All summer at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Displays of Rustic Ridge information and videos of interviews with RR members.** Organized by Margie Conner & Misha Storm, the Director of the Dickinson Memorial Library. [mrconner810@gmail.com](mailto:mrconner810@gmail.com) and [northfielddirector@cwmars.org](mailto:northfielddirector@cwmars.org)

**August 1, Saturday, 9:30 am Rustic Ridge Annual Meeting** at the Trinitarian Congregational Church. RR President Chris Martin, [4milebrook@gmail.com](mailto:4milebrook@gmail.com)

**August 1, Saturday, 6 pm. The Rustic Ridge 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please RSVP as soon as possible to [carolzieg@gmail.com](mailto:carolzieg@gmail.com)** (see page 1 above and Punch Bowl evite for details)

**August 2, Sunday, 10 am, Ridge Sunday** at the Trinitarian Congregational Church. Organized by Margie Conner, [mrconner810@gmail.com](mailto:mrconner810@gmail.com)

**August 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, the presentation of a new video about Rustic Ridge. Done by documentation videographer, Jim Ault. Time and location to be announced soon.** [carolzieg@gmail.com](mailto:carolzieg@gmail.com)

## Rustic Ridge Proposed slate for 2026 – 2027

President -	<b>John Powell</b>
Vice president	<b>leave empty this year</b>
Treasurer -	<b>Doug Denise</b>
Clerk	<b>Bob Ziegenhagen</b>
Assistant Clerk -	<b>Emelie Collet</b>
Past president -	<b>Chris Martin</b>
Webmaster –	<b>Hiro Itoh</b>
Social Director -	<b>Margie Conner</b>

Directors  
Class of 2027

**Katie Young**  
**Caroline Bellum**

Class of 2028

**Binnie Gurney**  
**Catherine Broadhead**

Class of 2029  
New directors -

**Melody Stringer**  
**Rebecca Foster**