

Rustic Ridge Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 8:00 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance –Bob Ziegenhagen, Patricia White, Emelie Collet, John Powell, Marianne Chenoweth, Chris Martin, Carol Ziegenhagen (observing), Katie Young, Caroline Bellum, Phil Sherburne, Doug Denise, Jean Bubriski

President's Welcome – Chris Martin, President, opened the meeting at 8:03. He mentioned that the tennis courts were ready for play thanks to the new contractor who was able to get the work done earlier than in past years. He thanked the many people who contributed to and organized the repair work. He also expressed gratitude to Mark Givens for being our “boots on the ground” during the off season.

Chris summarized the many contacts that he and Jeff Sanders had made with local authorities concerning the water supply to the Ridge. One problem is the inherent inefficiency of having three different municipal water organizations in a town this small. The second issue is the State's and the EPA uneasiness with ENWC's only partial treatment of water from Grandin Reservoir. While water currently meets all State and Federal requirements there is concern that environmental incidents could degrade the water unexpectedly. The Thomas Aquinas College is taking an active role in discussions but there is no resolution currently in sight.

Finally Chris mentioned that the Kringle Factory is for sale but that the Farm – Table restaurant is remaining active.

Roads Report – Phil Sherburne reported that the widening of the top of North Lane was appreciated as both a safety and an aesthetic improvement. A Photo of the work are attached in Exhibit 1. It appears that the Town is planning to pave the remaining unimproved areas fairly soon.

Trish White expressed concern that water running down Spring Street is running aside and under the pavement where Spring and North Lane meet. This is causing potentially serious erosion. Phil volunteered to inspect the situation this weekend.

Treasurers Report – Doug Denise, Treasurer, reviewed recent revenue and expense totals and showed that our financial position is sound. Year to date income is \$11,921.33, expenses are \$4,892.82, and our current bank balance is \$35,446.99. Doug asked for assistance in reaching the last few people who had not paid their dues and Carol Ziegenhagen volunteered. The full Treasurer's report is attached in Exhibit 2.

Social Committee – Jean Bubriski, Social Chairperson, listed the many excellent social events for the summer of 2025. Her extensive and detailed report is attached in Exhibit 3.

Other Issues

- Emelie Collet pointed out that the 5 Acre Property Wetland path was cluttered with trash. She suggested we organize a clean-up crew this summer and several people on the board agreed and volunteered to help. It was further suggested that we install signage and Chris Martin volunteered to ask Lucy Livingston to make a sign saying, "Owned and Maintained by Rustic Ridge. Please leave no trace".
- Trish White asked about nominations for open Board positions, and it was agreed that Trish, Carol Ziegenhagen and Chris Martin would meet to begin the nomination process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM. A date for the next meeting was not finalized.

Submitted Bob Ziegenhagen, Clerk
June 6, 2025

Exhibit 1

Road Work at the corner of North Lane and Cliff Road.

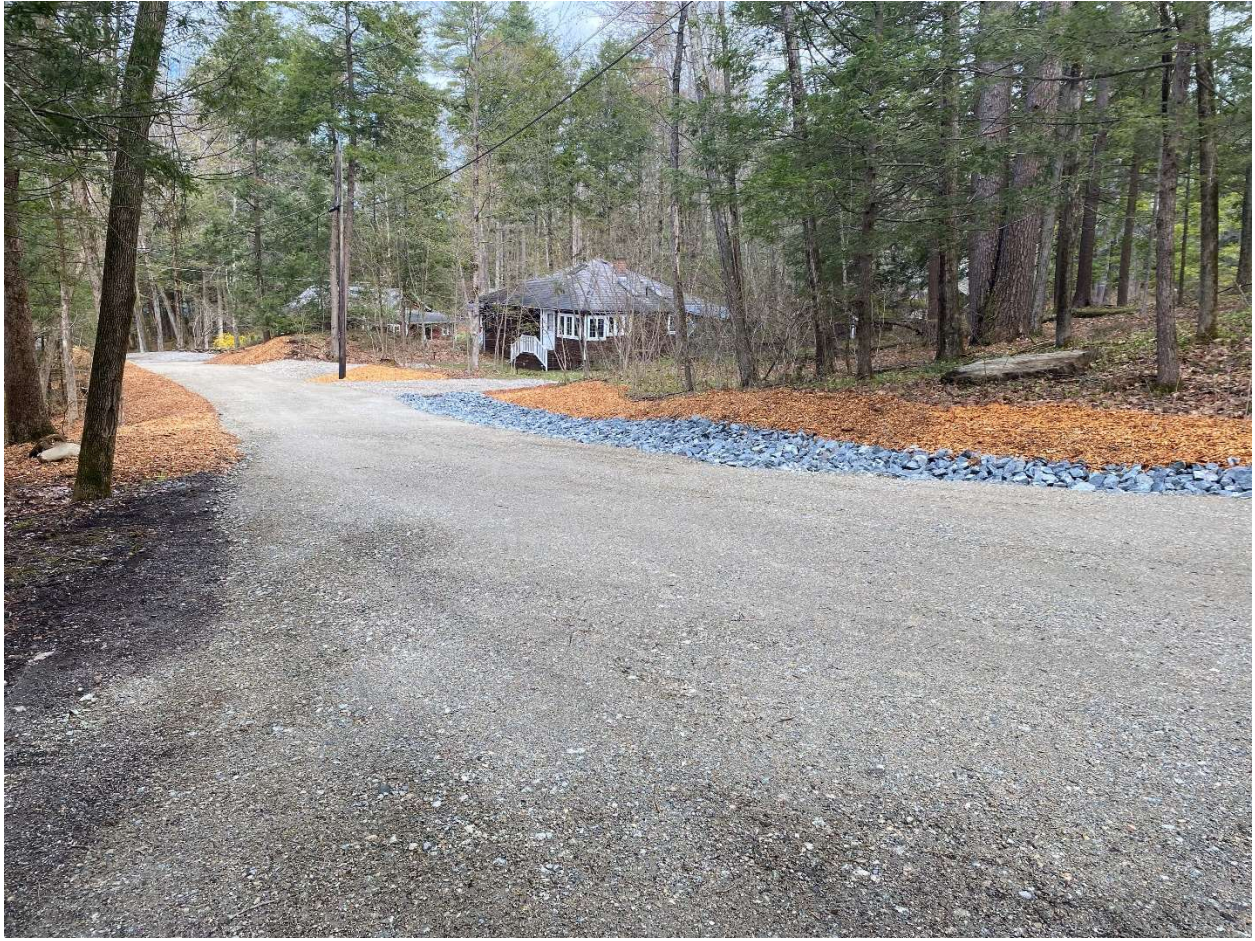


Exhibit 2

**Rustic Ridge Association Treasurer's Report
Board Meeting - June 1, 2025**

1. Greenfield Cooperative Bank account balance \$35,446.99.

2. PayPal account balance \$264.42.

3. Total FY24-25 Revenue to date

Contributions (Reserve Fund)	\$1,309.16
Dues Active Members	9,679.68
Dues Associate Member	925.16
Interest Income	<u>7.33</u>
Total	\$11,921.33

4. Total FY24-25 Expenses to date \$4,892.82

Brush Removal	\$225
Community Contribution	\$1,000
Five Acre Property	\$67.82
Road Maintenance	\$2,300.00
Social	\$400
Trash Collection	\$900

5. Member Dues payments and reserve fund contributions

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 Fund contributions – 17	\$1,251.11
Associate Member Reserve Fund 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 Fund contributions - 13	\$ 920.99
Associate Member Reserve Fund contributions - 2	\$ 115.80

6. In March 2025, 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 in early May). As of this report, 22 Members have paid via PayPal. PayPal email reminders for unpaid dues (from rusticridgeboard@gmail.com) were sent on June 1st. Additional requests for dues - cajoling, prodding, etc. - will be made, as required.

7. Other Items

Massachusetts Annual Corporation Report filed September 23, 2024
Federal Annual 990-N Tax Return for FY23-24 filed September 23, 2024

Exhibit 3

Rustic Ridge Social Activities for Summer 2025 And Interesting Town of Northfield and Dickinson Library events

Update as of May 12, 2025

If you would like to add to our RR activities, please email jbubriski33@gmail.com to add new ones.

July 4, 2025, Friday, 9:30am, Fourth of July Parade.

Meet at the Flagpole on North Lane. Then at the end of the Parade, join a **Reception at the home of Lynzi Ziegenhagen and Lindsay Lack at 33 Linden Avenue.**
lynziz@gmail.com.

July 5, 2025, Saturday, 6 pm. Rustic Ridge Potluck Dinner at the Golf Club Pavilion.

Come and see old friends and welcome new families that have bought cottages on the Ridge! Carol Ziegenhagen is the organizer this year, and you will get an Evite soon. Please reply in the Evite as to what food you would like to bring to Potluck. The results of the last few years of Potluck Dinners have been outstanding!! Email carolzieg@gmail.com. Drinks will be available at the Golf Club House.

July 8, Tuesday, 1 pm, Meet at the Vernon Pool, 607 Pond Road, Vernon, VT. (Rain Date on Wednesday, July 9). Bring your own folding chair. Contact for information or carpool: Jeannie Bubriski. jbubriski33@gmail.com or (949) 278-7293.

July 10, Thursday, 6 pm, Library Event: Trivia Night. at the Brewery at Four Star Farms. Teams of 1-6 players. 3 rounds of 10 questions. Feel free to bring your own food, or show up early and order from the delicious food truck. Playing mostly for fun, and maybe a little bit for prizes. You don't know what you'll know! (Get there early for seats.)

July 19, Saturday, July 19, 12 -4 pm, Trinitarian Congregational Event: 200 years Celebration: BBQ. Even if you are not a church goer, this BBQ is for everyone in Northfield. Celebrate this church that many of our ancestors attended, that is an important community resource in Northfield, and that has hosted many Rustic Ridge events, such as RR Annual Meetings, Family Picnics, and Celebrations of Life.

Chicken dinners for \$20 or \$15 with extras, hot dogs for \$10. Events for all ages, music, beer and wine, farmers market, etc. This should be the community event of the summer!

July 26, Saturday, 4 pm, - Rustic Ridge BINGO NIGHT at Catherine Broadhead's,
at 21 Pine Road - Crossroads Cottage. catherinebroadhead@gmail.com

July 28, Monday, 12 pm - Meet at Ware Beach on Spofford Lake, Route 9A,
Spofford, NH. Contact for information or carpool: : Jeannie Bubriski.
Jbubriski33@gmail.com or (949) 278-7293 (Rain Date: July 29, Tuesday)

August 2, Saturday, 9:30 am - Rustic Ridge Association Annual Meeting.

At the Trinitarian Congregational Church, President Chris Martin.
chrismartin@bellsouth.net

August 2, Saturday, 6 pm - Annual Rustic Ridge Dinner. At the Golf Club Pavilion.
Each Family brings their own picnic. ***We need someone to organize this event, which is easy since each family brings their own food.*** Beverages will be available at the Golf Club House.

Other summer-long events in Northfield:

The Town of Northfield has a Recreation Department which keeps growing in terms of recreational activities for all ages. Go to:
<https://northfieldma.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?type=activities>.

Activities include:

- Pickleball,
- Mountain Biking Club
- Adult Exercise classes
- Adult Ballet classes
- Free Playgroup for 0 to 5 years

The Dickinson Library has many activities every month. Go to the website
<https://northfieldpubliclibrary.org/> for activities and a calendar of events.

Here is a sampling:

- Puzzle exchange on the first Saturday of every month, 10-11:30 am
- Several Book Groups each month with excellent and current books selected: check the Library website and calendar.
- July 19th, Saturday, 10:30: Eyes on Owl-with live owls.
- July 30th, Wednesday, 3 pm, Poetry Discussion Group.