

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
03-12-07	2007-08	7:30	10:15	03-26-07	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	Tom Corbin, Director of Business Services, Middlebury College, <i>Interest:</i> Review Agreement (see below)				
Minutes:	Minutes of 02 26 07 were reviewed and approved with corrections. To be signed next meeting.				
Approval Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>L. Cox</i> moved that <i>W. Ford</i> be appointed Chair of the Selectboard. <i>R. Wimett</i> seconded. • <i>W. Ford</i> moved to increase the Town Lister Chair hourly rate (see below). Second by <i>L. Cox</i>. Accepted unanimously. • The Board voted unanimously to approve the Town Treasurer's request to borrow money for a short term from the Ripton Elementary School to meet monthly bills. • The Board voted unanimously for the Addison Independent to be the newspaper of record. • The Board voted unanimously to re-appoint the following: <i>Fence viewers:</i> Arthur Lord, Gary Whitman <i>Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood:</i> Perry Hanson Jr. <i>Weigher of coal:</i> Richard Collitt <i>Tree Warden:</i> Freeman Allen 				
Orders:	Orders for 03-12-07 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$3,340. General Funds: \$4,845.27.				
Budget:					
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As of 03 06 07 the total delinquent taxes for 2004, 2005, 2006 due, including interest and fees, is \$18, 806.43. Total 2004 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$1,080.06. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$6,154.29. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$11,572.08.				
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	None this period.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	None this period			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	None this period.			

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Roads

07-02-BURT	Lincoln Ripton Road "Pull Off"	01-08-07	ongoing	RW
Ron Wimett will contact the property owner about Ron creating a barrier to the pull-off in the spring. When the natural snow barrier is gone, a permanent barrier will be put in its place.				

Miscellaneous

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06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
There was no update available for this Selectboard meeting. Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson will be contacted for an update for next meeting.				
06-23-MAIDL	Maiden Lane	12-11-06	ongoing	DK
No further information as of this meeting. Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson plans to have an update to the Board by the next meeting.				
07-06-STAB	Stabilization Agreements/Exemptions	02-12-07	03-12-07	DK
A response from the Town's Attorney confirmed the information from the Lister Chair that the "Town appears to have taken satisfied the requirements of 32 V.S.A. 5405 (a) in conjunction with the properties discussed...and has already been living up to its obligation under the statute to pay the full education property tax on its one locally voted exempt property."				
07-06-GIFTKI	Middlebury College	02-12-07	ongoing	DK
<p>Tom Corbin, Director of Business Services, Middlebury College was present to meet with the Board to review the Agreement between Middlebury College and the Town of Ripton. Three points that Mr. Corbin will follow-up on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check with Middlebury College to see if there is a preference of Ripton taking the Gift in Kind in services or money • Whether or not Middlebury College wants to have Frost Road plowed • Add Ripton to the Middlebury College distribution list to automatically receive proof of liability insurance to be applied to the plowing of Class 4 Roads by the College. 				
07-07-RDSCH	2007 Road Schedule	02-12-07	ongoing	
Requested that Road Commissioner Ron Wimett submit the 2007 Road Schedule by next meeting.				
07-08-STRGT	Structures Grant	03-12-07	ongoing	
Deadline for this grant is 03-15-07. The Sparks Brook/Peddler Bridge Culvert, which has been submitted each of the past two years will be resubmitted by deadline. An update of project costs has been requested of Phelps Engineering, the firm that did the original engineering proposal.				

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07-08-BBRGT	Better Back Roads Grant	03 12 07	ongoing	
Application deadline is 03 30 07. The Board Clerk and Road Commissioner will review Culvert database to determine a project to be submitted.				
07-08-LISTR	Lister Chair Hourly Rate	03-12-07	ongoing	
Based on qualifications of experience and being highly skilled, the hourly rate for the Lister Chair has been increased.				
07-01-TWNRP	Town Report	01-12-07	03-12-07	
The Town Report was sent to the printer on 02-13-07 and was mailed on 02-19-07.				
07-08-LIGHT	Town Building Lighting Efficiency	03 12 07	ongoing	
The Board designated that, with the passing of the budget, the Alternate Energy Group and Warren King may spend up to, but not to exceed, \$4,000 for Adams Electric to work in the Community House and the Town Clerks Office for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency in the lighting of these two buildings.				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett