

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
04-09-07	2007-10	7:30	9:30	04-23-07	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford and Laureen Cox, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	Richard Ruane, Win Colwell. <i>Interest:</i> Community House				
Minutes:	Minutes of 03-12-07 to be signed. Minutes of 03-26-07 were reviewed and approved with corrections. To be signed next meeting.				
Approval Actions:					
Orders:	Orders for 04-09-07 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$1,244. General Funds: \$7,663.70.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As of 04-04-07, total delinquent taxes for 2004, 2005, and 2006 due, including interest and fees, are \$18,303.01. Total 2004 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$786.97. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$6,101.29. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$11,414.75.				
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

06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
Awaiting hearing date from the Judicial Bureau. No further action at this time. In addition, the Board has asked the Board Clerk for clarification by the Town Attorney of an e-mail from Mr. Hanson to the Board explaining the ticketing process for the civil penalty as per the Civil Ordinance.				

06-23-MAIDL	Maiden Lane	12-11-06	04-09-07	DK
The Board received and discussed copies of the notice and application for a Conditional Use Permit. They were informed that interested parties and abutting landowners were notified of the May 8 th , 2007 hearing date.				

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07-06-GIFTKI	Middlebury College	03-12-07	ongoing	DK
<p>Tom Corbin of Middlebury College, will follow-up on the following points per the meeting of 03-12-07:</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. <p>No further information as of this meeting, Board Clerk will re-search status.</p>				

Roads

07-08-STRGT	Structures Grant	03-12-07	ongoing	
<p>The Sparks Brook/Peddler Bridge Culvert Project was hand delivered on 03 15 07. No further information at this time.</p>				

07-08-BBRGT	Better Back Roads Grant	03-12 07	ongoing	
<p>Project to be submitted is to remove two culverts and correct erosion on Barker Road between physical addresses #195 and #444. Application deadline is 03 30 07. No further information at this time.</p>				

07-08-LIGHT	Town Building Lighting Efficiency	03-12-07	ongoing	
<p>For work in the Community House and the Town Clerks Office for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency in the lighting of these two buildings. No report from Warren King as of this meeting.</p>				

Community House

07-09-COMHS	Community House Curtain	03-12-07	ongoing	
<p>One curtain and its track have come down. The second curtain and track have been taken down. The Board Clerk will research estimates to replace the track and the curtain.</p>				

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07-10-COMHS	Community House and Coffee House	04-09-07	ongoing	
<p>Richard Ruane and Win Colwell discussed four items with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The possibility of the Coffee House using the Community House in January and February. (2) The Coffee House replacing the stage (3) The Coffee House putting theater mounts in the balcony for lighting. (4) Renew the dialogue between the Coffee House and the Board, i.e. Town. <p><i>Item 1:</i> The Board set aside any decision on winter use. The issue is the reliability of the heating system.</p> <p><i>Item 2:</i> The Board requested details of the new stage, including a picture.</p> <p><i>Item 3:</i> The Board would like to see proposal for the mount and the lights that would be used, including what they would look like, how they would be used and electrical code requirements.</p> <p><i>Item 4:</i> The Board appreciated revisiting the relationship between the Town and the Coffee House. The Board requested that Mr. Ruane get a copy of the agreement to the Board Clerk with any requested changes marked, for further discussion.</p>				

Budget

07-09-BORO	Borrowing	03-26-07	ongoing	
<p>The Town plans to repay \$15,000 to Ripton Elementary School for a loan to the Town by June 20, 2007.</p>				

07-09-LOAN	Loan Payments	03-26-07	ongoing	
<p>The Treasurer reported via memo that changing the due date of the Loan payment would include redoing all paperwork. The Board requested that the Treasurer research what the fees would be to change the loan payment date at Key Bank which holds the loan as well as to compare this with what it would cost to switch the loan to another bank that could accommodate the November 30th due date requested..</p>				

07-10-DELTA	Delinquent Taxes	04-09-07	ongoing	
<p>The Board is requesting the Treasurer to review the policy for collection of Delinquent Taxes as it relates to the status of individual property owners and to include that information in the next Delinquent Tax report.</p>				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett