

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
05-14-07	2007-12	7:30	9:30	05-28-07	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	Ellen Fallon, Langrock, Perry, and Wool; Ed Hanson, Zoning Administrator and Issuing Official, Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk and Custodial Official				
Minutes:	Minutes of 04-23-07 were approved and signed.				
Approval Actions:	<p>Moved by Ron Wimett and seconded by Laurie Cox. The Board voted unanimously to approve to compensate Bonnie DeGray for a goat attacked and killed by another animal on her property.</p> <p>Moved by Laurie Cox and seconded by Bill Ford. The Board voted unanimously to waive for Homer and Geraldine Jackson the \$100 application fee for rebuilding their home.</p>				
Orders:	Orders for 05-14-07 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$7,695.00. General Funds: \$4,978.56.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As of 05-02-07 the total delinquent taxes for 2004, 2005, 2006 due, including interest and fees, is \$18, 157.86. Total 2004 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$793.88. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$5,946.83. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$11,417.16.				
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	Reviewing which culverts to replace.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Prioritizing which areas to pave.			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Will begin completion of Robbins Cross Road project begun last summer.			

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Roads

07-12-ROADS	Roads Update	05-14-07	05-14-07	RW
<p>The Roads Commissioner Reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He met with Gil Newbury and Martha Price of VTrans • Roads have been swept, removed sand berm, grading mostly done. 				

07-02-BURT	Lincoln Ripton Road "Pull Off"	01-08-07	05-14-07	RW
<p>Ron Wimett addressed the request of the property owner to prohibit the use of this area by the public due to garbage being dumped by placing a barrier at this location.</p>				

Miscellaneous

06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
<p>Directed the Zoning Administrator to re-initiate the issuing of tickets.</p>				

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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 response to the Board Clerk's request via letter for an update. As of this meeting of May 14, 2007, no further information.</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. As of this meeting of May 14, 2007, no further information.</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. As of this meeting of May 14, 2007, no further information.</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. The Board Clerk contacted Warren King via note requesting an update. As of this meeting of May 14, 2007, no further information.</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 is in the process of contacting Lajeunesse for consultation 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>During their visit of 04-09-07 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> <p>The Board Clerk requested an update of the above items via letter. As of this meeting of May 14, 2007, no further information.</p>				

Budget

07-12-BUDRE	Budget Report	05-14-07	05-14-07	
Town Treasurer issued a Budget Report update as of 5-10-07.				

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

07-09-LOAN	Loan Payments	03-26-07	ongoing	
<p>The Board voted to approve the borrowing of funds through a tax anticipation note at the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Board has received a letter from the Town Treasurer regarding their request that the Treasurer researches the fees and procedures to change the loan payment date at Key Bank, which holds the loan. The Board will review the letter for the next meeting.</p>				

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07-10-DELTA	Delinquent Taxes	04-09-07	ongoing	
An updated Delinquent Tax Report was received from the Delinquent Tax Collector. The Board will review for the next meeting as an update as well as how the Delinquent Tax Collector addresses the properties in terms of the policy for collection.				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett