

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
05-28-07	2007-13	7:30	10:00	06-11-07	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	Caroline Damon, resident Warren King, Conservation Commission Chair				
Minutes:	Minutes of 04-23-07 were approved and signed. Minutes of 05-14-07 corrections requested.				
Approval Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Zoning Board alternates (reappointed James Kater, Marlene Harrison, Leonard Tiedemann and new alternates Nola Kevra and Sally Buteau) moved by Ron Wimett, second by Bill Ford, adopted unanimously by the Board. • Approval of Conservation Commission reappointed members (Barry King, Jay Harrington, Martha McCaughin), moved by Ron Wimett, second by Bill Ford, adopted unanimously by the Board. 				
Orders:	Orders for 05-28-07 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$2,100. General Funds: \$34,866.07.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes					
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	Nothing for this period.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Nothing for this period			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Nothing for this period.			

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Roads

07-13-NAT125	Natural Turnpike/ RT 125 Intersection	05-28-07	ongoing	DK
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Resident Caroline Damon shared her concern regarding limited visibility on Natural Turnpike, looking East on RT125. The Board Clerk will investigate with the State the feasibility of placing a mirror at the intersection to better see traffic coming from the East and the possibility of the State cutting back the hill that is obstructing the view.

07-13-LINRIP	Lincoln Road Near Chipman Inn	05-28-07	ongoing	DK
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Bill Ford recommended that Ron Wimett inspect the need for more ditching on the Lincoln Ripton Road near the Chipman Inn (ditch) to the 1st culvert going toward Lincoln.

Miscellaneous

06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
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A follow-up with the Issuing Official showed no progress as of the meeting of 05-28-07. The Board Clerk will follow-up with Ellen Fallon of Langrock. Speery, and Wool

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07-06-GIFTKI	Middlebury College	03-12-07	05-28-07	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 or e-mail sent. No further information as of the meeting of 05-28-07. The Board Clerk will send a letter indicating that this dialogue concerning the items will be closed on the part of the Town of Ripton until such time as Middlebury College reopens it.</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 the time of this meeting 05-28-07. The Board Clerk will follow-up.</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 of this meeting 05-28-07. The Board Clerk will follow-up.</p>				

07-13-BRIDGS	Bridges	05-28-07	ongoing	
<p>In reference to the 2006 Bridge report, the Board found that 3 bridges are in need of repair. The information is to be forwarded to Phelps Engineering requesting advice and cost estimates.</p>				

07-08-LIGHT	Town Building Lighting Efficiency	03-12-07	05-28-07	
<p>Warren King and the Board prioritized the work to be done on the lighting in the Community House and the Town Clerks Office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Replace lights in the Town Clerks Office (2) Replace the EXIT signs in both buildings. (3) Grounding in the Town Clerks Office (4) Lighting in the Community House (some items yet to be determined). <p>All work not to exceed the approved \$4,000.</p>				

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Community House

07-09-COMHS	Community House Curtain	03-12-07	ongoing	
The area has been measured and information and pictures will be sent to Lajeunesse for recommendations and estimates.				

07-10-COMHS	Community House and Coffee House	04-09-07	05-28-07	
<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 and e-mail. Nothing to report as of this meeting of 05-28-07. Board clerk will send the annual letter informing the Richard Ruane that the Community House will not be available for the Coffee House during January and February as set by an earlier agreement.</p>				

07-13-CHFUR	Community House Furnace	05-28-07	ongoing	
In recent years the furnace has been unreliable. Tim Ryan of JW & DE Ryan Plumbing and Heating, Inc. has been sent information on the repair history of the furnace for review and recommendations on making the system more reliable.				

Budget

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.				

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07-10-DELTA	Delinquent Taxes	04-09-07	ongoing	
<p>After reviewing the latest Delinquent Tax Report, the Board appreciated a previous report where notes on the status of a property were shared. The Board requested that the Delinquent Tax Collector continue to add the note area. The Board also suggested that the Delinquent Tax Collector have a plan in place for each property owner who owes back taxes to have the taxes paid by November 2007 as indicated in the policy. The Delinquent Tax Report should reflect that each property owner has received a letter from the Delinquent Tax Collector as to the plan and that the property owner has signed an agreement to pay the amount by the requested date.</p>				

07-09-LOAN	Loan Payments	03-26-07	05-28-07	
<p>At this time the Board is requesting that the Board Clerk research the changing the payment date of the Key Bank loan to November, after tax collection.</p>				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett