

## TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start:</b>	<b>End:</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Next Time</b>
07-09-07	2007-16	7:30	10:30	07-23-07	7:30 p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Lauren Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk				
<b>Visitors:</b>	Peddler Bridge Residents Michael Hussey, William Biederman, and Michael Cummings.				
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes of 7-25-07 were reviewed and recommended for editing. Approval next meeting.				
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board set the municipal tax rate at 0.4415. The homestead education tax rate is 1.5939, non-residential education tax rate is 1.5435. The total tax rate for the Town is therefore homestead 2.0354 and 1.9850 non-residential. Tax bills are expected to be out by the end of the month.</li> <li>• William Ford moved to give approval to Selectboard Member Lauren Cox to discuss with Town Treasurer Sally Hoyler the subject of investing municipal funds and the possibility of making said investments over the short term in a secure prospect. Ronald Wimett seconded. Unanimously accepted.</li> </ul>				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 07-09-07 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$2,048.37. General Funds: \$47,149.34.				
<b>Reports:</b>					
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	Delinquent Tax Collector Report: As of 07-3-07 total delinquent taxes for 2004, 2005, 2006 due, including interest and fees, are \$15,890.60. Total 2004 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$77.23. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$5,381.89. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$10,431.48.				
<b>Road Commissioner Report</b>	Culverts/Bridges	Replaced 4 culverts: (per Highway Structures Inventory Designation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearl Lee Road: 4C1 and 4C1 ½ (driveway)</li> <li>• Goshen Road: 18C15 and 18C17</li> </ul>			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Nothing for this period			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Nothing for this period.			

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### Roads

07-16-VISIT	<b>Visitors</b>	07-09-07	07-09-07	
	Residents came to discuss scheduled road work for Peddler Bridge Road to bring the road to standard. It was agreed that Road Commissioner Ron Wimett will meet with the residents at their properties for the best plan of action.			
07-13-LINRIP	<b>Lincoln Road Near Chipman Inn</b>	05-28-07	ongoing	DK
	Ron Wimett reported that the ditch from the Chipman Inn to the 1 <sup>st</sup> culvert going toward Lincoln will be cleaned out by the end of July.			

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07-08-BBRGT	<b>Better Back Roads Grant</b>	03-12-07	ongoing	
Ron Wimett will advise when work is begun. Completion per the grant is on or before 10-15-07.				

07-13-BRIDGS	<b>Bridges</b>	05-28-07	ongoing	
Brandon Streicher of Phelps Engineering will be taking a look at bridges 3, 15, and 16 to advise on repairs and include cost estimates. Anticipated time of report is mid-July.				

### Community House

07-09-COMHS	<b>Community House Curtain</b>	03-12-07	07-09-07	
Anne Hutchins of Lajeunesse has sent a cost estimate to replace the curtains. Any decision on replacement will be delayed until town meeting.				

07-13-CHFUR	<b>Community House Furnace</b>	05-28-07	ongoing	
Tim Ryan of JW & DE Ryan Plumbing and Heating, Inc. has reviewed information on the repair history of the furnace. As of this meeting, 7-09, Mr. Ryan reported to the Board Clerk that he has not been able to inspect the furnace but plans to by the end of the week of 7-09.				

### Miscellaneous

06-07-Daig	<b>Daignault Property</b>	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
Ellen Fallon has sent a letter to the Judicial Bureau viewing the expectations of the Town of Ripton concerning resolution of this case. Ellen Fallon also sent a new citation on June 27 initiated by Ed Hanson, the Issuing Official to James Daignault.				

07-16-MIDCO	<b>Middlebury College</b>	07-09-07	07-09-07	
Tom Corbin and Luther Tenny from Middlebury College will attend the August 27 <sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the Gift-in-Kind.				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett