

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
08-27-07	2007-19	7:00	10:00	09-10-07	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard; and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	Joe Montcalm, Jim Davis, Andy Cook, Silver Towers Tom Corbin and Luther Tenny, Middlebury College				
Minutes:	Minutes of 7-23-07 were approved.				
Approval Actions:	Motion made by William Ford, Board Chair, second by Laureen Cox and unanimously approved that the due date for the annual payment of the Key Bank loan will be moved to December 15 th . (<i>see below</i>)				
Orders:	Orders for 08-27-07 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$12,932.50. General Funds: \$5,015.66.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes					
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	Nothing for this period			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	<i>See attached report</i>			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Work on Robbins Cross is continuing.			

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Roads

07-08-BBRGT	Better Back Roads Grant	03-12 07	ongoing	
Ron Wimett will advise when work is begun. Completion per the grant is on or before 10-15-07. Nothing more to report as of this meeting 8-27-07.				

07-13-BRIDGS	Bridges	05-28-07	ongoing	
Brandon Streicher from Phelps Engineering informed the Board Clerk that though drawings would not be final because closer inspection could uncover the need for more extensive work than the initial site visit, his professional opinion was that revision and further cost would most likely be minimal. The Board has requested the Clerk to research further with him a cost range based on two scenarios: minimal to more extensive revision.				

Community House

07-13-CHFUR	Community House Furnace	05-28-07	ongoing	
Tim Ryan of JW & DE Ryan Plumbing and Heating, Inc. has submitted a list of recommendations for improvement of the heating system based on his review of the system. The Board Clerk will request a cost estimate for recommended work.				

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Miscellaneous

06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
<p>The Judicial Bureau has sent notice of a hearing date of 9/26/07. The Board Clerk will follow-up with both Ed Hanson, Zoning Administrator and Ellen Fallon, Langrock, Wool, and Speery to information confirming this date and who will be attending.</p>				
08-18-INVTPOL	Investment Policy	08-13-07	ongoing	DK
<p>The Board would like to create an Investment Policy for the Town of Ripton. The Board Clerk will contact the Town Attorney for advice on the matter.</p>				
08-19-SILTWR	Silver Towers	08-27-07	ongoing	DK
<p>Spokespersons for the Silver Towers Camp approached the Board regarding application for a grant to upgrade the Camp facilities. Based on information to be provided by Jim Davis from the group, the Board Clerk will research expectations by the Grant providers of the Town's involvement.</p>				
08-19-07 MIDD	Middlebury College	08-27-07	08-27-07	
<p>Discussion concerning the Gift in Kind led to possible areas of collaboration: (1) the Town will create and maintain a list of possible projects and will share it with Luther Tenny of the College. The College will then aid in completion of projects that they deem will fit within their timeframe of available personnel and resources. (2) Should the Town need equipment of any kind, the College can be approached for the possibility of the College having surplus equipment available. In terms of the past practice of purchasing items through the College, it was determined that Town there is no longer a financial benefit to the Town to use the College's purchasing services.</p>				
07-19-ANIML	Animals	08-27-07	08-27-07	
<p>The Board Chair was approached by a resident regarding loose cows. VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) informed the Board Clerk that this is not a municipal function, but rather a private matter between the respective parties.</p>				

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07-19-KEYBK	Loan	08-27-07	ongoing	DK
<p>The Board Clerk contacted Key Bank to research changing due date for the annual payment of the Key Bank loan from May to December to be more in line with tax revenues and positive cash flow. The Board requested that the Board Clerk contact Key Bank and accept the proposal to make a partial payment of principal and interest earlier than the May date to bring payments more in line with a December due date. This action will have an additional benefit to the Town in that it will reduce the total anticipated interest the Town will pay.</p>				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett