

**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>
12-10-07	2007-26	7:30	9:30	12-17-07	7:30 p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Peter Karpak, Assistant Board Clerk				
<b>Visitors:</b>	Eric Shonstrom and Patricia Chase, Addison County Teen Center – update the Selectboard on the success of the Teen Center in Middlebury.				
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes of 11-26-07 were approved.				
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on a recommendation from the Town auditors, Angolano and Co., the Board voted unanimously to include for new hires, the rate of pay, expected number of hours and any other benefits at time of employment, to be included in the minutes of the Selectboard meeting. Motion was made by William Ford, seconded by Ronald Wimett.</li> <li>• Voted unanimously to hold a special meeting on 12-17-07 to draft the 2008 Town budget.</li> </ul>				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 12-10-07 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$8,883.19. General Funds: \$12,042.77.				
<b>Reports:</b>					
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	As of 12-1-07 the total delinquent taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007 due, including interest and fees, is \$43,799.71. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$3,238.09. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$7,497.80. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$33,063.82.				
<b>Road Commissioner Report</b>	Culverts/Bridges	Completed. No further reports due.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Completed. No further reports due.			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	No report at this time.			

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**Roads**

07-08-BBRGT	<b>Better Back Roads Grant</b>	03-12 07	ongoing	RW/DK
	Wagon Wheel. Final paperwork was sent on October 26, 2007. Awaiting funds.			

07-26-BBRGT	<b>Better Back Roads Grant</b>	12-12 07	12-12-07	RW/DK
	The Board was informed that a Better Back Roads Grant for the Town of Ripton: (1) was awarded for Barker Road. Work to begin summer 2008. (2) was NOT awarded for Frost Road			

07-13-BRIDGS	<b>Bridges</b>	05-28-07	ongoing	DK
	Anticipated date of receipt of project from Phelps Engineering for Bridge #16 is mid-January.			

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### Community House

07-13-CHFUR	<b>Community House Furnace</b>	05-28-07	ongoing	
An e-mail of 12/5/07 from Tim Ryan of JW & DE Ryan Plumbing and Heating, Inc. indicated that work would be completed by 12/31/07. William Ford will follow up with Tim Ryan to discuss timing for completion.				

### Miscellaneous

06-07-Daig	<b>Daignault Property</b>	04-24-06	ongoing	DK
Ellen Fallon, Town Attorney, informed the Board that a Court Trial is set for January 15, 2008.				

08-18-INVTPOL	<b>Investment Policy</b>	08-13-07	Ongoing	DK
The Board will review the recommendations on an Investment Policy and indicated by the Town Attorney, Ren Barlow and make recommendations to the Town at Town meeting. A Warning indicating this will be posted between January 23, 2008 and February 2, 2008 according to statute.				

07-19-KEYBK	<b>Loan</b>	08-27-07	ongoing	DK
Information on the status of the paperwork is still pending. The expected due date remains December 22 <sup>nd</sup> .				

07-21-LITEFCO	<b>Lighting Efficiency</b>	10-22-07	ongoing	DK
Warren King could not be reached as to the status of the work done on the Community House and the Town Clerks Office and invoices from the contractor, Adams Electric. Partial invoices have been received. The Assistant Board Clerk will continue to follow-up. All invoices are expected prior to the end of 2007.				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett