

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
2-11-08	2008-3	7:30	9:30	2-11-08	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Peter Karpak, Assistant Clerk to the Selectboard				
Visitors:					
Minutes:	Minutes of 1-28-08 were approved.				
Approval / Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board voted unanimously to approve the request of the Town Treasurer to borrow \$25,000 from Ripton Elementary School to make-up a temporary short fall in income. Moved by Laureen Cox, seconded by William Ford. • Authorized JW & DE Ryan Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to do additional work on the Community House furnace. (see below) • The Board voted unanimously for the Addison Independent to be the newspaper of record. 				
Orders:	Orders for 2-11-08 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$13,481.83. General Funds: \$10,673.20.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As of 2-1-08 the total delinquent taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007 due, including interest and fees, is \$40,727.56. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$3,291.64. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$7,387.61. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$30,048.32.				
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	Completed. No further reports due.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Completed. No further reports due.			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Completed. No further reports due.			

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Roads

07-13-BRIDGS	Bridges	05-28-07	Ongoing	DK
The proposal regarding upgrade recommendations for Bridge #16 dated 2/7/08 was received from Phelps Engineering. The Board will discuss at a future meeting.				

08-03-RDWLIM	Weight Limits	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK
Vermont Department of Transportation has referenced standards for road and bridge weight limits. The Board Clerk will research how these are established and what the Town needs to do to integrate this information into the Town Road Standards.				

08-03-RD125NT	Intersection RT 125 & Natural Turnpike	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK
In response to the State's notice that the hill obstructing the view onto Route 125 from Natural Turnpike is the responsibility of the Town, the Board Clerk will research responsibility of both parties when rights-of-way overlap. The Town will also apply for appropriate grants to offset costs for correcting this situation.				

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Town Buildings

07-13-CHFUR	Community House Furnace	05-28-07	Ongoing	DK
Authorized Tim Ryan of JW & DE Ryan Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to install a new thermostat and cover for Community House furnace.				

08-03-CH CLN	Community House Cleaning	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK
The Board is reviewing Town expectations for the cleaning of the Community House in light of the fact that the person who is presently cleaning the building has given notice. This is in preparation for a replacement.				

08-03-TBLDCA	Town Buildings Caretaker	02-11-08	Ongoing	BD/DK
The Board is investigating having a caretaker oversee the maintenance and operation of the Town Clerks Office and the Community House.				

Miscellaneous

06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
Town is waiting for final order from the Judicial Bureau.				

08-03-RESINQ	Resident Inquiry	02-11-08	02-11-08	RW
To provide better parking considerations at the Fire Station, a request was made for plowing to be more extensive in the parking lot. The Board agreed. Ron Wimett will follow up.				

08-18-INVTPOL	Investment Policy	08-13-07	Ongoing	DK
The Board will review the recommendations on an Investment Policy as indicated by the Town Attorney, Ren Barlow. The Board will make recommendations to the Town at Town meeting. A Warning regarding the establishment of a reserve fund for this purpose was posted February 2, 2008 according to statute.				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett