

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
7-07-08	2008-13	7:30	11:30	7-21-08	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Clerk to the Selectboard, Peter Karpak Associate Clerk to the Selectboard				
Visitors:	Joyce DiCianna visited briefly to discuss the Post Office situation.				
Minutes:	Minutes of 6-23-08 and 6-30-08 were approved with corrections.				
Approval / Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted unanimously not to reimburse the Major Project fund for \$37,066.50 at this time. Moved W. Ford, second R. Wimett • Voted unanimously to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as its management system in addressing critical and non-critical incident management. Moved R. Wimett, second L. Cox • The tax rate for 2009: Homestead \$2.3293 Non-residential \$2.2457 • Issued and signed letters to USPS personnel and State Legislators urging that the situation with the Ripton Post Office be addressed and that arrangements be made to re-open it immediately while the situation is being addressed. 				
Orders:	Orders for 07-07-08 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$52,325.68 for this period. General Fund: \$8,216.37.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As 07-07-08 the total delinquent taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007 due, including interest and fees, is \$29,474.83. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$1,645.80. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$6,453.84. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$21,375.18.				
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges		Nothing to report as of the meeting of 7-07-08.		
	Gravel/Resurfacing		Completed for 2008.		
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects		Nothing to report as of the meeting of 7-07-08.		

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Roads

08-03-RDWLIM	Weight Limits	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK
	The report of Board Clerk regarding how to document and/or post bridge weight limits since the bridge limits are higher than the Town of Ripton roads was postponed to meeting of 08-11-08.			
08-03-RD125NT	Intersection RT 125 & Natural Turnpike	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK/RW
	Ronald Wimett will contact local VTrans personnel to discuss a partnership in increasing visibility at the intersection of RT 125 and Natural Turnpike. Update at meeting of 07-21-08.			

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08-11-STMDA	Storm Damage 06-14-08	06-14-08	Ongoing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No word on FEMA designation as of this meeting of 07-07-08 • The Road Commissioner presented a schedule of road reconstruction (<i>attached</i>). • R. Wimett reported that he is waiting for recommendations from Mike Tuttle of VTTrans re: culverts for the Dugway. • At the next meeting, the Road Commissioner will present an estimate of the balance of work needed to be done • W. Ford and D. Karpak attended a recap and update meeting on 7-02-08. The meeting was attended by members of various state agencies, local legislators, and representatives of state legislators and was to introduce those who have been addressing the Storm Damage and Repair situation in both Ripton and Middlebury, discuss coordinated efforts, FEMA status and alternatives to FEMA such as the State Highway Emergency Fund. The situation of private residents was also discussed. One possibility for private residents is SBA loans. A request will be extended to have a representative come to Middlebury and Ripton. The Board expressed appreciation for this meeting. • Outcomes of the above meeting include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pursuing the possibility for EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection Program). On 7-07-08 Kevin Hartline from the Natural Resource Conservation Service met with the Selectboard to visit sites for possible eligibility. A report is pending. - visit of a representative from SBA to meet with private residents interested in applying for SBA loans. This meeting is scheduled for 7-09-09 in Middlebury 11 p.m.- 3 p.m. and Ripton Elementary School 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Board member L. Cox will call residents personally to inform them Postings around Town and E. Middlebury will also be visible. - Representatives of the National Forest Service will attend a future Selectboard meeting to discuss possible sites for a gravel pit to accommodate demand of gravel and cost efficiency. • The Board continues to be concerned about damage to all private roads, repair, and options for funding particularly those on Billings Farm Road and Selden Mill and will continue pursuing possible support. 				

08-13-PREDIS	Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	07-07-08	07-07-08	
Tim Bouton of Addison County Regional Planning has submitted a				

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draft of the Ripton Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan to Vermont Emergency Management. W. Ford has suggested some amendments to the draft. T. Bouton responded that changes are to be incorporated along with any responses by VEM to the draft and then the revision will be submitted to VEM. No word as of this meeting of 07-07-08 if VEM has responded to the original draft.

Town Buildings

08-03-TBLDCA	Town Buildings Caretaker	02-11-08	Ongoing	BD/PK
The position has been posted at several locations in Ripton. Associate Board Clerk will post on Riptonite.				

Grants

08-13-STGR	Structures and Class 2 Roads Grant	07-07-08	07-07-08	
Though the Town did not receive approval of any of the 3 projects recently submitted to VTrans for a Structures Grant, Martha Price of VTrans has recommended that the Town pursue Class 2 Road Grants in the next cycle. The Board will discuss possible sites at a future meeting.				

Miscellaneous

08-09-FACRN	Facility Rental	05-12-08	Ongoing	
The report of the Board Clerk re: Vermont League of Cities and Towns regarding Model Facility Rental Agreements and Model Facility Use Policy and how it aligns with the Town's rental policy of the Community House. was postponed to the meeting of 08-25-08				

08-09-LIAINS	Liability Insurance	05-12-08	Ongoing	
The Board recently received information from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns regarding Tenant User Liability Insurance. The Board Clerk will look at this information as it aligns with present practice and will report to the Board so that there is input to assure that the best interest of the Town is taken into consideration. A report was postponed to the meeting of 08-25-08				

08-11-NIMS	Emergency Management	06-23-08	07-07-08	
The Board received clarification as to the commitment to NIMS (Na-				

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tional Incident Management System) and the benefit to the Town to participate. NIMS is an emergency response system utilized by Fire and Law Enforcement. Regarding a cooperative effort, the Town has adopted the policy to “address all phases of critical and non-critical incident management.” Participating in this system also is a positive point in meeting the criteria for applying for Federal Grants such as FEMA. A training is to be held in Ripton (tentatively) on August 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett