

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
10-13-08	2008-19	7:30	10:00	10-27-08	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford and Lauren Cox Selectboard; Debra Karpak, Clerk to the Selectboard and Peter Karpak, Associate Clerk to the Selectboard				
Visitors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bill Pierce, Town Building Caretaker, buildings' needs 				
Minutes:					
Approval / Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Accepted the resignation of Marty Whittemore as Emergency Management Coordinator. The Board expressed their sincere appreciation for his service. The search has begun for a replacement. <i>Moved by Wm. Ford, Chair; second: L. Cox</i> o Approved that Peter Karpak, Associate Board Clerk working up to 20 hours on the appeal and research for repairs to the riverbank and protection of the Town Center to assure protection of municipal building, private dwellings, and the few business enterprises that generate revenue. <i>Moved by Wm. Ford, Chair; second: L. Cox.</i> o Approved acceptance of 2009 VLCT-PACIF, i.e. insurance coverage for the municipality. Specific to building coverage; municipal buildings will be covered as per previous agreement with the directive that the Board Clerk will research value of the buildings and a possible change in status to assure replacement value is addressed. <i>Moved by L. Cox; second: Wm. Ford</i> o Approved a request from Addison Central Supervisory Union per the Town Clerk/Treasurer Sally Hoyler for an advance of some education taxes prior to the date of 11-26-08. The Town will advance the funds as follows: \$35,000 dated 10-27-08 for receipt by 11-1-08 and \$25,000 dated 11-10-08 for receipt by 11-12-08. <i>Moved by Wm. Ford, Chair; second: L. Cox.</i> 				
Orders:	Orders for 10-13-08 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$253,677.66 for this period. General Fund: \$8,164.56.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As 10-07-08 the total delinquent taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007 due, including interest and fees, is \$24,662.97. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$802.45. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$5,848.69. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$18,011.83.				
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	Continues to replace culverts as a result of Storm Damage			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Completed for 2008.			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	This section has become flooded roads reconstruction projects for this year. Nothing additional to report since meeting of 9-22-08.			
Executive Session	The Board went into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss a matter of attorney recommendation. Ended at 9:30 p.m.				

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Roads

08-11-STMD	Storm Damage 06-14-08	06-14-08	Ongoing	BD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Road repairs are still in progress on sections of the North Branch Road and Dragon Brook Road. 			

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- The Associate Board Clerk reported that FEMA project worksheets are inline with the FEMA estimates, eligible costs, invoices to date, and remaining estimates. The Board Clerk then signed the FEMA Exit Interview Form reflecting the final approved projects and funding for the community.
- The Associate Board Clerk will contact Alec Portolupi of VTrans liaison to VEM to determine the procedure for receiving FEMA reimbursements.
- The Associate Board Clerk is collecting information to create a timeline from Project Worksheet to final project and payment reimbursement from FEMA and the State of Vermont for the meeting of 10-27-08.

08-11-STMDA	National Forest Service Gravel Pit	08-11-08	Ongoing	PK
Chair Wm. Ford has not as yet heard from Rob Hoelscher, Acting District Ranger per the follow-up telephone call. The Associate Board Clerk Peter Karpak will follow up and will report at the meeting of 10-27-08.				

08-15-STORM8	Storm of 08-06-08	08-11-08	Ongoing	BD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This storm was declared a disaster and is eligible for FEMA assistance. ○ The Associate Board Clerk reported that residents have appealed the fact that the Natural Resources Conservation Service under the Emergency Watershed Protection Grant would not cover repairs on property along the river in the center of Town. The Associate Board Clerk met with Rob Allen to revisit the area and speak with residents. No word as yet, though Rob Allen was doubtful the determination would be reversed. The suggestion was made by a resident to pursue the issue with Senator Sanders' office. The Board approved the Associate Board Clerk working with residents both for their support as well as for protection of the Town Center. ○ The FEMA project coordinator is expected to be in Town on Thursday, October 16 to tour sites with the Road Commissioner and the Associate Board Clerk. ○ The Associate Board Clerk will work with the Road Commissioner to determine realistic estimates for projects relevant to this Storm. 				

08-16-RDGRT	Road Grants	08-25-08	Ongoing	DK
The Board Clerks continue to complete the grant applications per required deadlines (<i>see attached</i>).				

Miscellaneous

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08-09-FACRN	Facility Rental	05-12-08	Ongoing	DK
<p>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 will be addressed at an October meeting.</p>				

08-09-LIAINS	Liability Insurance	05-12-08	Ongoing	DK
<p>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. This will be addressed at an October meeting.</p>				

08-19-08-FACI	Caretaker Facilities Update	10-13-08	10-13-08	WP
<p>The following items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All contractors must have a certificate of insurance filed in the Town Office prior to conducting any work. ○ A recent service call for the furnace and hot water heater at the Community House. It was established that previous service provider will be contacted to discuss repairs done a year ago, warranties, and service. ○ All expenditures for the remainder of the 2008 fiscal year must be approved by the Selectboard. ○ A budget for the Town buildings will be developed and presented at the time the Board establishes the 2009 budget. 				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett