

**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>
01-26-09	2009-03	7:30	10:15	01-29-09	7:30 p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard; and Deb Karpak, Clerk to the Selectboard, Peter Karpak, Associate Clerk to the Selectboard				
<b>Visitors:</b>	Warren King, Chair, Planning Commission. Departed 8:15 p.m. Willem Jewitt, Vermont State Representative. Departed 8:45 p.m.				
<b>Minutes:</b>					
<b>Approval / Actions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Voted unanimously to set a Special Meeting for January 29, 2009 for discussion and amendment of the 2009 General Funds and Roads budget approved on January 19, 2009 due to additional information. <i>Moved Wm. Ford, second L. Cox.</i></li> <li>○ Voted unanimously to access \$11,000 from River Management to hire selected consultants to create and implement a plan to mitigate future flooding damage to the Village of Ripton in coordination with Addison County Regional Planning Commission. <i>Moved L. Cox, second R. Wimett.</i></li> </ul>				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 01-26-09 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$5,750 for this period. General Fund: \$7,387.55.				
<b>Reports:</b>					
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>					
<b>Road Commissioner Report</b>	Culverts/Bridges	Completed for 2008.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Completed for 2008.			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	This section became flooded roads reconstruction projects for 2008. Nothing additional to report since meeting of 9-22-08.			
<b>Executive Session</b>	The Board went into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss a matter of attorney recommendation. Ended at 9:25 p.m.				

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**Roads**

08-11-STMD	<b>Storm Damage 06-14-08</b>	06-14-08	Ongoing	BD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Associate Board Clerk is in communication with the FEMA representative regarding reimbursements. Conversation of Friday 01-23-09 with Bill Brierly (FEMA) &amp; Gary Shelley (State) showed approximately \$124,000 less in FEMA/State reimbursements on two large projects (Barker Road and North Branch). On Monday 01-26-09 conversation with Bill Brierly included an increase on the final large project (Dugway) of approximately \$67,000. Per Gary Shelley all projects in this event will be closed by the first week in February.</li> <li>○ Billings Farm Road residents were sent letters informing them of their household's share of repairs and options for repayment to the Town on January 15, 2009. They were asked to either let the Board Clerk know by January 26, 2009 if they would be requesting a promissory note to extend payment or to pay their share directly to the Town Treasurer by February 15, 2009. (Residents/private property owners notified: Joseph and Lisa Durante, Justine Billings, Kathleen Angier, Malcom and Jo Amy Billings, Gean Gallagher, Melvin Coddling, Todd and Elizabeth Seguin)</li> </ul>			

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- The Board Chair requested that the Associate Board Clerk keep an ongoing record of communications related to the Storm including a log of conversations.

08-15-STORM8	<b>Storm of 08-06-08</b>	08-11-08	Ongoing	BD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Associate Board Clerk continues to communicate with FEMA and the State investigating the gap between actual costs and FEMA Project Coordinator Worksheets and a reimbursement timeline for the Town. Willem Jewett was present for this part of the meeting and suggested he would contact Sen. Sanders office to set up a meeting with FEMA representatives to discuss the repayments. The FEMA estimates were considerably lower than actual costs which results in reimbursements considerably lower than the anticipated 90% of costs compared to the approximately 52% that FEMA says that we will receive.</li> <li>○ The Board Clerks reported that letters have gone out to private property owners (January 21, 2009) informing them of the Total estimates per road until reimbursements from FEMA are complete. Final totals will then be divided among the private property owners/households of each respective road. Letters went to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Deacon Hill:</b> Middlebury College (Thomas Corbin), John Bridgeman</li> <li><b>Neshobe Road:</b> Agnes Brooks</li> <li><b>Old Town Road:</b> Paula Caputo, Wendy Leeds, Emily Leeds, Lynn Coeby, Joseph Cincotta, Timothy and Pamela Billings, Charles Billings, Bryan Wilson, David and Gail Lewis, Gabriel Digenova, Nicholas Vanoff.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The Board Chair requested that the Associate Board Clerk keep an ongoing record of communications related to the Storm including a log of conversations.</li> </ul>			

08-23-TNCTR	<b>Town Center</b>	12-08-08	Ongoing	PK
	<p>The Board continues to be concerned about the status of the Town Center in the State and County discussions in terms of repair of the recent storm damage and future encroachments of the river. Willem Jewitt and Warren King participated in discussion as to measures that might be taken. Funding is a major challenge. Mr. King shared that there is an opportunity to access \$11,000 from River Management that would hire a person experienced in dealing with such matters to then work with Addison County Regional Planning Commission to investigate and apply for appropriate engineering, funding, and possible reconstruction of the area and places upstream that may also have a direct affect on the security of the property at the Town's center.</p>			

### Miscellaneous

08-09-FACRN	<b>Facility Rental</b>	05-12-08	Ongoing	DK
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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 in the second meeting in February.

08-09-LIAINS	<b>Liability Insurance</b>	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 in the second meeting in February.</p>				

08-22-RES	<b>2009 Budget</b>	12-08-08	ongoing	PK
<p>The Board discovered that several lines of the 2009 General Funds and Roads budget needed to be reviewed in the interest of setting a reduced budget from that approved at the meeting of January 19, 2009. A Special Meeting was set for January 29, 2009 for this purpose as well as related business.</p>				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett