

**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>
02-09-09	2009-05	7:30	9:30	02-23-09	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 8:00 p.m. ( <i>see Town Center</i> )				
<b>Minutes:</b>					
<b>Approval / Actions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Voted unanimously to send a letter to the State regarding open issues with FEMA reimbursements for the Storms and that the Town will consider the subgrant open until all issues are resolved. <i>Moved L. Cox, second W. Ford.</i></li> <li>○ Voted unanimously to direct the Associate Board Clerk to work with ACRPC to create the letter of intent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application to meet the deadline. <i>Moved by L. Cox, second W. Ford.</i></li> <li>○ Voted unanimously to approve Middlebury College request for “blanket approval for serving liquor at catered events at the Bread Loaf Campus from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.</li> <li>○ Signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage from the State of Vermont, Policy and Planning Division-Mapping Unit.</li> </ul>				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 02-09-09 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$201,800.13 for this period. General Fund: \$35,423.29.				
<b>Reports:</b>					
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	As of 02-04-09 the total delinquent taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 due, including interest and fees, is \$68,442.76. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$409.74. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$5,515.03. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$18,289.00. Total 2008 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$44,229.00.				
<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 9:07 p.m. to discuss a matter of attorney recommendation. Ended at 9:10 p.m.				

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<b>Roads</b>				
08-11-STMD	<b>Storm Damage 06-14-08</b>	06-14-08	Ongoing	BD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Board, with the assistance of Willem Jewitt has set a meeting with State and FEMA representatives for February 26, 2009. (<i>letters attached</i>).</li> <li>○ The Board Clerks will prepare a report for the meeting of February 26, 2009 indicating areas of discussion regarding FEMA reimbursements and completed work for review by the Board at the next regular meeting on February 23, 2009.</li> <li>○ As of this meeting two Billings Farm Road households have responded to letters regarding their reimbursements. Residents have until February 15, 2009 to make full payment to the Town Treasurer to avoid receiving follow-up letters. After that date, follow up letters are to be sent to remaining residents asking for immediate reply.</li> </ul>			

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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. The Board, with the assistance of Willem Jewitt has set a meeting with State and FEMA representatives for February 26, 2009. (<i>letters attached</i>)</li> <li>○ The Board Clerks will prepare a report for the meeting of February 26, 2009 indicating areas of discussion regarding FEMA reimbursements and completed work for review by the Board at the next regular meeting on February 23, 2009.</li> <li>○ The Associate Board Clerk compiled final invoices and sent required paperwork to the State on February 13, 2009 that will then be forwarded to FEMA.</li> <li>○ The Board received a letter from Middlebury College (Thomas Corbin) stating concern over FEMA's projected low reimbursements for repairs on Deacon Hill Road.</li> </ul>			

08-23-TNCTR	<b>Town Center</b>	12-08-08	Ongoing	PK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Town is in collaboration with Addison County Regional Planning in the interest of the Town Center regarding a mitigation project. Per an e-mail from Tim Bouton of ACRPC. (<i>see attached</i>) "ACRPC with the help of the Town of Ripton and the State River Management Section will prepare a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application that will request funding." Mr. King shared an update of the process that could lead to: purposes of armouring the banks and access to a flood plain for channelization of the river. Mr. King also reported that this topic is under discussion in the Planning Commission.</li> <li>○ A letter was received from Middlebury College (Thomas Corbin) indicating the concern for the status of the Town Center and a request to keep the College informed "as the Town works on this important issue."</li> </ul>			

### Miscellaneous

08-09-FACRN	<b>Facility Rental</b>	05-12-08	Ongoing	DK
	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 March.			

08-09-LIAINS	<b>Liability Insurance</b>	05-12-08	Ongoing	DK
	The Board recently received information from the Vermont League of			

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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 March.

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett