

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
3-10-08	2008-5	7:30	9:30	3-24-08	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Clerk to the Selectboard				
Visitors:	Residents Barry King and Willem Jewitt, <i>Interest:</i> National Forest Project—Natural Turnpike (<i>see below</i>)				
Minutes:	Minutes of 2-11-08 were reviewed and returned for editing. Resubmit for approval.				
Approval / Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Voted William Ford as Selectboard Chairperson. Moved by Laureen Cox, seconded by Ronald Wimett. William Ford abstained. ○ Appointed the following: Steven Zwicky, Board Representative, ACSWMD Jay Harrington, Alternate Representative, ACSWMD Ceredwyn Alexander, Town Service Officer Tim Hanson, Health Officer 				
Orders:	Orders for 2-25-08 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$26,838.81. General Funds: \$6,789.86.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As of 3-1-08 the total delinquent taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007 due, including interest and fees, is \$38,652.52. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$2,766.27. Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$7,448.79. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$28,437.46.				
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	Completed for 2007. No further reports due until Spring 2008.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Completed for 2007. No further reports due until Spring 2008.			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Completed for 2007. No further reports due until Spring 2008.			

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Roads

07-13-BRIDGS	Bridges	05-28-07	3-10-08	DK
The Board discussed the proposal received from Phelps Engineering for Bridge #16. The Board agreed with recommendations made in the proposal. Bridge #16 will be one of the projects submitted to the Vermont Department of Transportation Town Highways Structures Grant, application due 3-21-08.				

08-03-RDWLIM	Weight Limits	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK
The Board Clerk received information from VLCT regarding statutes that relate to Weight Limits. The Board Clerk and Assistant Board Clerk will match these statues with the State Bridge Inspection Report for Ripton Bridges and report to the Board recommendations for each bridge at the meeting of 3-24-08.				

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08-03-RD125NT	Intersection RT 125 & Natural Turnpike	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK
<p>The Board Clerk continues to research responsibility of State and Town when rights-of-way overlap. The Town will include this project in the application for the Structures Grant (application date 3-21) to offset costs for correcting the obstructed view at this intersection.</p>				

Town Buildings

07-13-CHFUR	Community House Furnace	05-28-07	Ongoing	
<p>The Board Clerk will follow up with Tim Ryan of JW & DE Ryan Plumbing and Heating, Inc. on work to date and completion of project, specifically the thermostat and cover. Information is expected by meeting of 3-24-08.</p>				

08-03-CH CLN	Community House Cleaning	02-11-08	Ongoing	DK
<p>The Board has found a possible replacement for the cleaning services at the Community House and the Board Clerk will follow up to confirm their interest.</p>				

08-05-CHWIN	Community House Repair	03-10-08	Ongoing	DK
<p>The Board noted that a window pane on the east side of the building is broken and needs replacing. The Board Clerk to follow up to have it repaired.</p>				

08-03-TBLDCA	Town Buildings Caretaker	02-11-08	Ongoing	BD/DK
<p>The Board is investigating having a caretaker oversee the maintenance and operation of the Town Clerks Office and the Community House. The Board Clerk is to follow up with a potential candidate to offer additional information to this candidate to see their interest prior to the meeting of 3-24-08</p>				

Grants

08-04-STRGNT	Structures Grant	02-25-08	Ongoing	DK/RW
<p>Applications for the Structures Grant are due to the State by 3-21-08. Projects that will be part of the application process include (in order of priority): (1) bridge on Peddler Bridge, (2) Bridge #16 (recent proposal submitted by Phelps Engineering), and (3) hill at the intersection of Natural Turnpike and Route 125.</p>				

Miscellaneous

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06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
The Town Attorney has informed the Board that the court has received a Motion/Appeal. A status conference has been set for 3-18-08.				
08-18-INVTPOL	Investment Policy	08-13-07	Ongoing	DK
The Board has adopted the Investment Policy. The Board Clerk is to research if the Town votes to create a fund whether or not that constitutes approval to spend for the purposes of the respective fund.				
08-05-FOREST	National Forest Service Natural Turnpike Project	03-10-08	03-10-08	DK
Dan McKinley of the National Forest Service had originally requested to attend this meeting along with Tracey Tophoven also of the NFS in order to present the plan for the Natural Turnpike Project, but were unable to make it. The Board has suggested that should the Forest still wish to present their proposal that they plan to attend the Selectboard meeting of 3-24-08. The Board Clerk will follow up.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett