

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
04-13-09	2009-09	7:30	9:30	04-20-09	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard; and Deb Karpak, Clerk to the Selectboard, Peter Karpak, Associate Clerk to the Selectboard				
Visitors:	Gregory Smith and Sarah Laplant, Forest Service 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Joe Montcalm, Silver Towers 8:15 p.m.- 8:40 p.m. Bill Pierce, Facilities Coordinator 8:40 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.				
Minutes:					
Approval / Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved to have a letter of support for the grant for new bathhouses at Silver Towers. 				
Orders:	Orders for 04-13-09 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$8,589.13 for this period. General Fund: \$4,982.09.				
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes	As of 04-13-09 the total delinquent taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 due, including interest and fees, is \$62,818.25. Total 2005 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$0 (all items paid). Total 2006 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$5,560.63. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$15,541.83. Total 2008 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$41,715.79.				
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	Reported no additional work as of this meeting of 04-13-09.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Used spring/summer gravel budget allotment to fill in potholes. (40% complete to date)			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Reported no additional work as of this meeting of 04-13-09.			
Executive session	The Board went into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss a matter of attorney recommendation. Ended at 9:35 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"> ○ The Board is awaiting response from FEMA regarding increase in reimbursements of the Administrative Costs as a result of the FEMA meeting on 02-26-09. ○ The Board Clerks continue to communicate with Private Property Owners for their plans to meet the obligation for reimbursements through immediate payments or through arrangements set in a signed Promissory Note. The Board Clerks continue to provide an update of the status of each property owner's reimbursement. ○ Board Clerk Peter Karpak has been directed to establish the deadline for appeals with FEMA. 			
08-15-STORM8	Storm of 08-06-08	08-11-08	Ongoing	BD
	The Board is awaiting response from FEMA regarding emergency repairs on Neshobe Road as a result of the FEMA meeting on 02-26-09. Remaining roads under discussion: Frost Road, Goshen Road, Deacon Hill Road, will be addressed once snow has melted and repairs can be inspected.			

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08-23-TNCTR	Town Center	12-08-08	Ongoing	PK
○ Nothing new to report as of this meeting of 04-13-09.				

Miscellaneous

08-09-FACRN	Facility Rental	05-12-08	Ongoing	DK
Review of the draft of the Town's rental contract and the incorporation of VLCT's Model Facility Rental Agreements and Model Facility Use Policy by the Town's Attorney is still pending. There will be an update at the meeting of 04-27-09.				

08-09-LIAINS	Liability Insurance	05-12-08	Ongoing	DK
The Board Clerks' investigation of the cost to potential tenants in both acquiring a rider to the tenant's personal liability insurance as well as the TULIP is still pending. There will be an update at the meeting of 04-27-09.				

Visitors

09-08-NFORS	Forest Service	04-13-09	04-13-09	
<p>Gregory Smith, new District Ranger attended the meeting as an introduction to the Selectboard and included information as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a result of the October Federal Bank Bailout Bill, Mr. Smith confirmed that the Forest Service paid in full the annual payment to the Town for the first time in a number of years. ○ The Natural Turnpike Project previously approved and presented to the Town will be implemented beginning this summer (2009). ○ Explained the Stewardship strategy for acreage and revenue that could benefit the Town. One agreement is with the Hannaford Career Center and a supply of wood for Mt. Abraham's wood-fired burner. ○ The process to open a gravel pit continues. ○ Controlled burn will take place intermittently. The Town will be notified. ○ Maintenance of the Robert Frost Bridge, funds may be available from the stimulus package available to the Forest Service. ○ The Forest Service is contemplating a gate at mile post 1.4 of Forest Road 59 during mud season. ○ John Kamb of the Forest Service has contacted the Board for review of the current master Forest Road Agreement in preparation for possible stimulus funds for the Forest Service. 				

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09-08-SILTOW	Silver Towers	04-13-09	04-13-09	
<p>Joe Montcalm discussed the following improvements to be made at Silver Towers Camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New water main to camp buildings. Mr. Montcalm is to make application for a permit to the Town to cut across the road. ○ New bathhouses through a grant. The Board Clerk will compose a letter of support from the Board. ○ Culvert removal or replacement. Mr. Wimett will investigate the appropriate action necessary for the area. ○ Road signs that alert drivers that the camp services the handi-capped community. 				

09-07-FACCO	Facilities Coordinator	03-09-09	Ongoing	WP
<p>The following item remains open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Pierce continues to research painting the Town Clerks Office. ○ Repairs begun in 2008 to continue in the Town Clerks Office. W. Ford to contact the previous contractor. 				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett