

## TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
09-12-11	2011-21	7:30		09-26-11	7:30 p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, Selectboard; Alison Joseph, Clerk				
<b>Visitors:</b>	Warren King, Bill Pierce				
<b>Minutes:</b>	Approved and signed minutes of 08- 22-11 and 09-05-11				
<b>Approval / Actions:</b>	Approved installing dampers to heat ducts serving the second floor.				
<b>Orders:</b>	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$14,311.96 ; General Fund: \$47,292.00				
<b>Reports:</b>	Received from delinquent tax collector, treasurer, zoning administrator. Reviewed and filed.				
<b>Delinquent Taxes:</b>	Reviewed Sept. report. Total: \$21,597.00				
<b>Road Commissioner Report:</b>	<p>Tropical storm Irene - August 28, 2011 flood</p> <p>Total damage cost to town roads, including the loss of winter sand, is estimated at \$100,000. Priorities for repair include the Goshen Rd. bridge armor, village riprap, riverbank armor at the west end of the village, Lucky 7 spring/Norton Farm Rd. bridge, and work to address spring flood concerns.</p> <p>Two culverts are particularly problematic and need repair. One is on Peddlers Bridge Rd. near the town shed, the other is on Dragon Brook Rd. which was closed this evening due to culvert problems. Both culverts have washed out several times, and have been proposed for upgrade/replacement. A third culvert near the end of the class 3 portion of Wagon Wheel Rd. needs its headwall repaired.</p> <p>Chris Brunelle from ANR inspected sites and gave the okay for work to be done in some river areas such as near the Norton Farm Rd. bridge where debris may be removed. Repair at the Goshen Rd. bridge may also be done, and will be put out to bid.</p> <p>Possible work at the flood chute and riprap repair in the village was discussed but no decision about it will be made until after the site visit on 09-15-11 by engineer Roy Schiff of Milone &amp; MacBroom. The possibility of armoring the bank and removing debris at the Scribner and Schley parcels west of the Frost bridge on 125 will be presented to a FEMA project specialist.</p> <p>The road commissioner asked that a minimum of 2 selectboard members be present to hear FEMA decisions. All agreed to be present when possible.</p> <p>Bid processes were discussed. Champlain Construction looked at damage areas. Maiden Lane Construction is limiting its work to smaller projects in order to complete the Class 2 road grant project.</p> <p>The need for Board agreement about work on private roads was emphasized. No town work has been done or will be started at the Neshobe (Brooks) driveway.</p>				
	Culverts/Bridges	See above tropical storm Irene, and Major Projects			
	General	M. Codding started fall roadside mowing.			
	Class 2 Rd grant	The road commissioner will review code corrections with the treasurer.			
	Resurfacing	Flood-related gravel repair was done on the Goshen Rd. and Natural Turnpike.			
	Major Projects	Bridge 16 Natural Turnpike: Work underway.			
	Lincoln Rd. speeding and school zone	The sheriff increased patrol near the school. After-school programs end at 5:p.m. which will define the end-time of the reduced speed zone hours. The clerk is reviewing VLCTs guide to ordinance enforcement, and spoke with Abbie Friedman at VLCT who is getting back to us with models, if any.			

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<b>Town buildings</b>	<p>Town office: Warren King and William Pierce attended to discuss the “Historic Survey Report” and energy audit. A \$14,000 estimate for furnace replacement was considered. The existing furnace is efficient, though heat is not uniformly distributed. It was agreed not to replace the furnace at this time, but to install dampers to better control the heat to the second floor. There was general agreement not to remove the office floor to insulate below, because it made most sense to do this if and when the heating system is replaced, but insulating the attic and walls was favored. It was noted that there is insulation around the foundation at the rear of the building and that drainage improvements have been made there. Decisions about the work to be done will be made in 2012 budget discussion.</p> <p>Community House: Water accumulated in the basement when the power was out and the sump pump did not operate. The furnace was damaged and is being repaired by MacIntyre.</p> <p>Town shed street light: repaired</p>
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Item Number	Subject	Start Date	End Date	Action
<b>09-27- SNDHL</b>	<b>Sand Hill Bridge Replacement</b>	09-27-10	Ongoing	LC
It is expected that other roadwork has taken priority and it will be awhile before there is an update.				
<b>09-16-DATAB</b>	<b>Town Infrastructure Database</b>	07-06-09	Ongoing	PK, AJ, RW
To be updated at the end of the construction season.				
<b>10-26-MIDRIV</b>	<b>River Stabilization and Grant 2010</b>	10-26-09	Ongoing	AJ
The possibility of using unspent funds from this project will be discussed after the site visit 09-15-11.				
<b>11-28-VTsigns</b>	<b>VTrans Sign Grant</b>	03-28-11	Ongoing	
Work complete. Invoices are being organized to submit for reimbursement.				

## OLD BUSINESS

**Delinquent dog licenses:** Five dogs were licensed as a result of the 14 letters mailed to those who had not relicensed dogs. One dog and its owner moved. Two certified letters were not picked up and have been re-mailed in a standard envelope. The town clerk and selectboard clerk propose sending out a letter this winter to remind people of the process and timing for dog licensing. The town of Lincoln will be contacted about the result of their recent dog census. The selectboard clerk will call those who did not respond to the letter.

**Bike rack:** Ordered.

**Dead trees on Lincoln Rd.:** CVPS evaluated the dead trees in front of the Webb and Beardsley properties on the Lincoln Rd. and marked four to be cut to a height of 12’, after which the town or property owners may cut them. Only one tree is on Mr. Webb’s property and he is okay with it being cut. Mr. Beardsley previously said those on his could be cut, but he would like the wood. The tree-cutting will be part of a larger CVPS contract. At the time the trees were evaluated, it was estimated that it would be 3 months or so until a contract for tree-cutting was out. That was before tropical storm Irene.

**Daignault property:** The Sheriff was not in when called prior to this meeting, and will be called again to ask if he has visited Mr. Daignault.

**Middlebury College:** property map underway.

**Goshen fire truck speed:** Dick Collitt will check with Ripton fire chief, Erik Eriksen, about this issue and the need to maintain Goshen’s response to Ripton at a safe speed.

**Private road emergency work agreement:** The clerk contacted VLCT attorneys who will send information about a private road policy statement. A draft letter, ultimately to be reviewed by the town’s attorney, will be started.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement:** filed.

**Correspondence:** memos related to flood recovery and FEMA were reviewed and filed.

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt