

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
12-12-11**

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
12-12-11	2011-27	7:30	9:05	12-26-11	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, Selectboard; Alison Joseph, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	Erik Eriksen, Sally Hoyler				
Minutes:	Approved and signed minutes of 11-28-11.				
Approval / Actions:	<p>Signed Town Records Management Policy, approved on 11-28-11.</p> <p>Approved to reimburse the general fund \$60,000 from the major project fund for bridge #16 expenses. (detail below)</p> <p>Approved a tax anticipation line of credit for \$100,000 for 2012.</p> <p>Authorized the treasurer to establish a \$100,000 tax anticipation line of credit with the National Bank of Middlebury.</p> <p>Approved to request the School District to defer a \$48,622.14 payment due in 2011 until 2012; and authorized the treasurer to make that request on behalf of the selectboard.</p> <p>Approved an additional sentence to the agreement for emergency protective measure repairs on private roads; and that letters with the addition be sent.</p>				
Orders:	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$22,363.86; General Fund: \$8,339.50				
DISCUSSION WITH VISITORS					
Fire Department vehicle purchase	<p>The fire department will meet 12-13-11 to vote on a \$15,000 purchase of a 1989 FMC pumper truck used by the disbanded Goshen Fire Dept. Fire chief Erik Eriksen spoke about the advantages of this fully equipped vehicle including its: Hale brand pump, storage space, safety lights, lack of rust (most of its service was in Tennessee), low mileage (40,000), chains, ease of use, and shorter wheelbase than the RVFD pumper. Ed Eaton, who services the RVFD trucks and pumps, described the pump as “great” and will test it this week. The RVFD executive committee supports the purchase, as does the selectboard.</p>				
Cash flow, borrowing, treasurer report	<p>The fire station loan payment is due and there are insufficient funds to cover it. Funds are also due to the school district. Cash flow problems are largely due to unreimbursed road expenses. Expenses for a class 2 road grant, sign grant, and a structures grant are paid, but grant reimbursement income is not yet received. Flood repair work is also paid, and FEMA reimbursement for eligible projects (not all repair work is eligible) is not received. The bridge 16 structures grant project budget was increased and approved to be paid from the major project fund and unspent road funds on July 18, 2011. To date no funds have been transferred from the major project fund to the general fund to pay bills.</p> <p>Treasurer, Sally Hoyler, proposed a tax anticipation line of credit with the National Bank of Middlebury, and a request for deferment of the school tax, as ways for managing the cash flow. Both proposals were approved, and the treasurer was authorized to act on them.</p> <p>Invoices for all roadwork grants are received and paid as of this meeting. Grant reimbursement requests will be submitted to VTrans this week. Reimbursement is expected in the first quarter of 2012. On 12-13-11 FEMA project specialist, Roland Luxenberg, will collect Ripton’s invoices for FEMA reimbursement. The earliest FEMA reimbursement is anticipated is Feb. 2012.</p>				
Roads report:	August 28, 2011 flood; Tropical storm Irene	<p>Richard Downer, of FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) viewed potential Ripton projects Nov. 29th. It was suggested that two sites on Peddlers Bridge Road are good locations for an armored crossing, where the road banks are armored and water is allowed to cross over the road at a low point. Changing the slope of the road was suggested for a low-lying portion of the Lincoln Road south of Norton Farm Rd. Proposed replacement of a culvert that crosses the</p>			

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Roads (cont.)		Lincoln Rd. north of the Pearl Lee Rd. is considered a maintenance project. Reconstruction of the upper part of Frost Rd. was suggested.
	Culverts/Bridges	
	General	The south edge of Peddlers Bridge Road, uphill from Wagon Wheel Road where the travel lane has sagged will be repaired by Dupoise & Fiske this week. They completed filling potholes, compacting and grading at the town building parking area.
	Class 2 Rd grant	Complete. Reimbursement pending.
	Major Projects	Bridge #16 complete. Reimbursement pending.
Correspondence:	Letter from Charles Billings, see private road emergency work agreement. Invitation, VT Police luncheon.	
Reports:	Delinquent tax collector: total delinquent taxes \$63,983.73. Treasurer (see discussion). Zoning administrator: one hearing and one application in November.	
Old business:	School speed zone	The end points of the school zone were determined as: at the south - where the existing school/children sign is (near Kirchhoff drive); at the north - between the 1010 and 1049 Lincoln Rd. driveways (Terrien and Wagner).
	Private road emergency work agreement	An additional sentence was proposed and approved in response to a letter of concern from Charles Billings. New versions of the cover letter and agreement will be mailed to Mr. Billings and property owners on private roads with the exception of Hemlock Lane, Chandler Hill Rd., Eagles Nest Rd., and Barrows Rd.
	PACE	Property Assessed Clean Energy: An information meeting with Peter Adamczyk is 01-17-2011, 7:00 p.m., at the Ripton School. Warren King will publicize the event.
	Sand Hill Bridge	A public information meeting will be held in January.
New business:	Property taxes: There was discussion that abatement of only interest and penalties is not permitted by state law. The new delinquent taxes (2011) total: \$49,566.91 for 33 properties. Amounts range from \$5.83 to \$9,625.92.	

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Ronald Wimett

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