

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
12-26-11**

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
12-26-11	2011-28	7:30	9:00	01-09-12	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, Selectboard; Alison Joseph, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	None				
Minutes:	Corrected, approved and signed minutes of 12-12-11.				
Approval / Actions:	Approved RVFD purchase of a 1989 FMC pumper truck, with \$15,000.00 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund.				
Orders:	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$20,899.00 ; General Fund: \$43,470.90 Requested that checks transferring funds between town accounts be issued to the town account name rather than bank name.				
DISCUSSION - ROADS					
August 28, 2011 flood; Tropical storm Irene	Champlain Construction submitted an estimate for repair of the headwall of the culvert near the town shed. Another is expected from Dupoise & Fiske. First-round HMGP intent must be filed 12-31-11, a second-round deadline is in March. Potential projects for FEMA 406 and 404 projects are: culvert/ town shed area, culvert at Sparks Brook, Frost Rd., Dragon Brook Rd., Lincoln Rd. Roland Luxenberg, FEMA, will meet with Ron Wimett and Alison Joseph on 12-28-11 to review FEMA projects.				
General	We are into winter. Before winter work began, the Lincoln Rd. was graded. The repair of the south edge of Peddlers Bridge Road, uphill from Wagon Wheel Road is complete for the time being. Asphalt will be replaced when the paving season begins. The road is now sloped away from the downhill bank. That slope will be maintained or heightened when paved.				
Road grants	Class 2 Road and Structures grants reimbursement forms were signed. There may be some modification to the assignment of Class 2 Road grant and sign grant labor expenditures.				
DISCUSSION - NEW BUSINESS					
Lincoln Rd. stop sign	A driver ticketed for failing to stop at a stop sign on the Lincoln Rd. near the Pearl Lee Rd. and North Branch Rd. intersection made a complaint at the town office on Dec 19 th about the location of the sign. The sign is located properly according to a VTrans sign plan for the 2011 Class 2 road grant, and given the location of town bridge 2.				
DISCUSSION - OLD BUSINESS					
Fire Dept. vehicle purchase	At the 12-12-11 meeting the selectboard approved a proposed RVFD purchase of the pumper previously used by the Goshen Fire Dept. RVFD met and voted in favor of the purchase on 12-13-11. The selectboard reaffirmed its approval at this meeting to comply with the vehicle replacement fund purchasing procedures.				
Cash flow, borrowing, budget	The treasurer will notify the selectboard when the National Bank of Middlebury tax anticipation loan papers are here for signature. A summary of grant expenses and anticipated reimbursement helped explain the 2011 cash flow. The budget is a primary topic for the next meeting and town officers have been asked to provide 2012 budget requests. The Coffee House is to be reminded to make quarterly payments.				
School speed zone	The end points of the school zone will be described in the ordinance by e911 measurements and marked by signs on the road. The proposed ends are: at the south - where the existing school/children sign is (near Kirchoff drive); at the north - between the 1010 and 1049 Lincoln Rd. driveways (Terrien and Wagner).				
Private road emergency work agreement	The revised agreement and cover letter were discussed. Concerns were raised about protecting the town and those who are unable to pay, equity, a required minimum percentage of participation, and the ability to decide on a case by case basis. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.				
PACE	Property Assessed Clean Energy: To help inform people about PACE prior to town meeting, a public education event with Peter Adamczyk is scheduled for 01-17-2012, 7:00 p.m., at the Ripton School.				

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Sand Hill Bridge	There is a public information meeting about the 2014 bridge construction, Jan. 25, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Ilsley Library Meeting Room
Correspondence:	Reviewed and filed: Town report/town meeting timeline. Updated budget report from treasurer. RVFD minutes. Land use permit: Kulczyk. Property valuation and Review: 2012 CLA 95.96%, COD 6.22%, Equalized grand list: 64,399,000. Donation requests: Vermont Community Foundation, Preservation Trust of VT, Northern VTRC&D. Program info: CVPS, VLCT, NFIP

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