

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
09-26-11	2011-22	7:30	9:30	10-10-11	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett and Richard Collitt, Selectboard; Alison Joseph, Clerk to the Board				
Visitors:	Richard Hawley, Warren King				
Minutes:	Approved and signed minutes of 09-16-11				
Approval / Actions:	<p>Approved using unspent funds from the 2010 river grant/stabilization project toward the cost of repairing riprap in the project area at the Hoyler parcel.</p> <p>Approved Two Brothers Tavern, Inc. caterer's permit to serve alcohol 10-06-11 at Bread Loaf.</p> <p>Approved VLCT/PACIF insurance renewal.</p> <p>Approved lister errors and omissions: change of listed value from 181,600 to 175,600 due to removal of porch and deck prior to April 1.</p> <p>Approved minutes of 09-12-2011.</p> <p>Approved that Ellen Fallon of Langrock, Sperry, & Wool assist with letter and payment agreement for emergency protective measure work for private roads.</p>				
Orders:	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$ 9,895.00 ; General Fund: \$3,620.69				
Reports:	RVFD: 12 members, 264 hours, Irene recovery work and report "Hurricane Irene: Lessons Learned"				
Correspondence:	Emails from Carol McKnight for flood chute discussion; FEMA memos, invitations, filed.				
Delinquent Taxes:					
Road Commissioner Report:	<p>Tropical storm Irene - August 28, 2011 flood</p> <p>Road damage report sheets and maps were delivered to Rick Kehne at ACRPC 09/18/11. Rick Kehne is reporting Addison County damage to FEMA, who will use the county reports to determine where/when to send project specialists. It is expected that a project specialist will contact us within a couple of weeks.</p>				
Flood chute/riprap	<p>The flood chute and riprap that were part of the 2010 river mitigation project will be shown to the project specialist. The scope of possible work was discussed with Rick Hawley, a resident whose property is in the project area, and with Warren King who helped facilitate the project. An email from resident Carol McKnight and a report by engineer Roy Schiff of Milone & MacBroom were included in the discussion. Mr. Hawley is willing to contribute to the cost of lowering the entry to the flood chute. No large supporting rocks will be removed, and repair work will use existing rock. Champlain Construction will be asked to provide an estimate. The road commissioner gave a preliminary estimate of \$4,000. Easements are in place for maintenance and repair work. If grouping this project with others delays work, this may remain a stand-alone project. There is particular concern that the work be completed before winter to prevent damage in the spring.</p>				
Other post-Irene	<p>The debris in the river below the village at the Scribner and Schley properties is also a potential spring thaw concern. Champlain Construction's estimate for clean-up and lifting rocks back in place there is \$9,650. The property owners will be contacted for an easement.</p> <p>At the Goshen Rd. bridge rock will be replaced on the bank. It is the responsibility of CVPS to straighten the tilting utility pole.</p> <p>The Peddler's Bridge Rd. culvert needs a concrete headwall, estimated at \$40,500. The condition of the bottom of the culvert will be checked when water is low.</p> <p>The Dragon Brook Rd. culvert also needs headwall repair. The clerk will look for a hydraulic study previously done for it.</p>				
	Culverts/Bridges	A Better Backroads application will be prepared, possibly for culvert work.			
	General	Fall roadside mowing is underway.			
	Class 2 Rd grant	Invoices to be submitted.			

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	Major Projects	Bridge 16 Natural Turnpike: Parent Construction continues to make progress despite demands for their services elsewhere.
	Lincoln Rd. speed and school zone	According to the Sheriff there have been stops due to the increased patrol near the school. Abbie Friedman at VLCT emailed to say she will be in touch about the ordinance.
Town buildings	Community House: The furnace was repaired on 09-26-11.	

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10-26-MIDRIV	River Stabilization and Grant 2010	10-26-09	Ongoing	AJ
The possibility of using unspent funds from this project for the riprap repair at the Hoyler parcel was discussed and approved, pending project approval.				

OLD BUSINESS

Delinquent dog licenses: Those who did not respond to the letter were contacted. One dog died. No answer was received at 2 owner phone numbers. Messages were left on 3 answering machines. Messages for dog owners were left with family members at 2 households.

Daignault property: The Sheriff may get to the Daignault property on 09/26. He reports that Mr. Daignault has removed some vehicles. The Sheriff believes the gate is being kept closed, but will check on that.

Middlebury College: property map and revised appraisals underway.

Goshen fire truck speed: This may be resolved as the driver is now responding in a pick-up truck.

Private road emergency work agreement: A draft was reviewed. After some revisions, it will be sent to the town's attorney for review and additions.

Reminder list: Sand Hill bridge, town infrastructure database, VTrans sign grant reimbursement

NEW BUSINESS:

Friends of the Ripton School (FORS) and Middlebury College gift-in-kind questions: Questions were raised about payment for the 5/6 class field trip to Keewaydin and gift-in-kind use for ski programs. Historically the Keewaydin trip cost is paid by FORS, but FORS was not billed for the trip for the past several years. Cross-country skiing was sometimes paid through the gift-in-kind program, while downhill skiing was paid by FORS. The selectboard was not notified of cross-country ski use or other use of gift-in-kind funds by the School in recent years. Several years ago the Board asked the School for advance request of gift-in-kind funds. The clerk will call the School to ask if any use is anticipated this year.

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt