

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
06-13-11	2011-11	7:30	10:00	06-27-11	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett and Richard Collitt, Selectboard; and Deb Karpak, Clerk to the Selectboard, Peter Karpak, Associate Clerk to the Selectboard.				
Visitors:	Pearl Lee Road residents, Arthur Bloom, Deborah Schwarz and Ella May Ash to discuss Pearl Lee Road upgrade from Class 4 to Class 3 arrived 7:45 PM left at 8:10 PM. Edmund Hanson, Zoning Administrator to discuss access permit procedures, arrived at 8:00 PM left at 8:25 PM. Brandon Streicher, Phelps Engineering, to discuss Ripton Bridge #16, arrived at 8:10 PM and left at 9:00 PM.				
Minutes:	Approved and signed minutes of 5-23-11.				
Approval / Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted unanimously to approve that all road access permits go directly to the Zoning Administrator and, after his approval and inspection of any necessary work, then to the Selectboard for final approval. Moved Ronald Wimett, seconded Richard Collitt. • Voted unanimously to approve that the Town purchase the Brodeur property at Tax Sale if there are no bids. Moved Laureen Cox, seconded Ronald Wimett. 				
Orders:	Orders for 6-14-11 were reviewed and signed: Total for Roads: \$5,562.85 and the total for General Funds: \$19,244.34				
Reports:					
Executive Session					
Delinquent Taxes	As of 6-3-11 the total delinquent taxes for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 including interest and fees, is \$40,114.03. Total 2007 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$2,248.96. Total 2008 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$8,613.23. Total 2009 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$10,749.01. Total 2010 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$18,502.83.				
Road Commissioner Report:	Culverts/Bridges				
	General	Ripton right of way mowing (8') has started on the Dugway, Natural Turnpike and Robbins Cross to the four corners, Goshen Road from Rt. 125 to Silver Towers and some on Maiden Lane.			
	Gravel	Frost Road needs gravel on the upper portion.			
	Resurfacing				
	<i>Paving:</i>	Paving of Lincoln Road should be complete by Wednesday 6-15-11			
	<i>Grading:</i>	Part of Pearl Lee Road has been graded			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	Brandon Streicher from Phelp's Engineering attended the Selectboard meeting to talk about Bridge #16 in preparation to request bids. Mr. Streicher went through the updated plans with the Selectboard. He also informed the Selectboard of the following dates: Preconstruction meeting with contractors: July 6 th 10 AM Bid opening : July 15 th 2:00 PM at Phelps Engineering The construction time will be approximately 45 days. Working hours are expected to be 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The Selectboard Clerks will check with Brandon Streicher as to who will be in charge of the temporary construction easements.			
Signs	The sign posts have arrived and all the signs will be in place by July 1 st .				

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Item Number	Subject	Start Date	End Date	Action
09-27- SNDHL	Sand Hill Bridge Replacement	09-27-10	Ongoing	PK
	The Selectboard Chair will continue to be in contact with the project engineer for a time frame on construction and Ripton's input. This project will start in 2014.			
11-8-TOWREC	Town Records	11-08-10	06-13-11	PK
	The Selectboard is still willing to hear from the Town Clerk to discuss the procedure to implement the Town Records Plan.			
09-16-DATAB	Town Infrastructure Database	07-06-09	Ongoing	PK
	Database status: report from Peter Karpak, Associate Selectboard Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culverts: Complete • Bridges: Complete • Roads: Procedure for recording road work shall be discussed by the Road Commissioner and the Associate Clerk and presented to the Selectboard in the near future. 			
10-26-MIDRIV	River Stabilization and Grant	10-26-09	Ongoing	PK
	Selectboard Clerks will contact Amy Sheldon to confirm final paperwork and to close this item.			
11-28-VTsigns	VTrans Sign Grant	03-28-11	Ongoing	PK
	The Road Commissioner stated that the additional twenty sign posts have arrived. The signs will be in place by July 1 st , 2011.			

Topics discussed by the Selectboard:

Re: Historic Survey of the Ripton Town Office. Warren King and William Pierce are meeting to discuss what should be done to make the Town Office more energy efficient and will meet with the Selectboard to discuss the options in the near future.

Re: Bridge Report: The Road Commissioner will contact other towns to see about the installation, maintenance and longevity of membrane bridge decks.

Visitors: The Pearl Lee Road residents Arthur Bloom, Deborah Schwarz and Ella May Ash were present to discuss the possibility of the Class 4 section of Pearl Lee Road being upgraded to a Class 3 road. The Selectboard went over the Class 4 Road Policy with the residents. When the residents were informed of the high cost of upgrading to the Class 3 standard and that the Class 4 section of the road is maintained by the Ripton Road Commissioner from April 30th to October 31st they were in agreement that the situation was acceptable with staying a Class 4 road.

Inter-office Communications:

Answers to Town Clerk/Treasurer Sally Hoyler's memo of 05/06/11:

The Selectboard Clerks have verified that the deed has been forwarded to Christie Lafayette and the Town Clerk can cash the check for the Cemetery Association.