

**TOWN OF RIPTON  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
01-09-2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>
01-09-2012	2012-01	7:30	10:40	01-23-12	7:30 p.m.
<b>Attendees</b>	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, Selectboard; Alison Joseph, Board Clerk				
<b>Visitors</b>	Bill Pierce, facilities coordinator				
<b>Minutes</b>	Approved and signed minutes of 12-26-11.				
<b>Approval / Actions</b>	Signed Road Maintenance and Repair Service Agreement. Approved 2012-13 blanket license for Middlebury College to serve liquor at catered events.				
<b>Orders</b>	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$7,185.00; General Fund: \$2,452.89.				
<b>OFFICER REPORTS</b>					
<b>Collector of Delinquent Tax</b>	Reports were received for 12-31-11 and 01-04-12. The 2011 year-end total delinquent taxes are: 46,856.73. The 01-04-12 total delinquent taxes are: 47,727.65. The selectboard anticipates action toward resolving bills delinquent for three and four years.				
<b>Treasurer</b>	2011 budget report: income including education tax 1,571,817.88; expense: 1,650,140.33. Discussion: An education payment of 48,622.14 due in Dec. 2011 was deferred, with payment due 03-01-12. It was noted that the budget report is difficult to understand because of the way the education property tax income and town budget property tax income are displayed. This problem has been recognized by the treasurer, who will be asked to change it.				
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	Zoning Administrator report: Along with the December report of one application, a year-end summary was submitted for the 2011 town report.				
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>					
Town buildings	<p>Bill Pierce reported that the furnace at the Community House shut off because the fuel tank was empty. Pyrofax refilled the tank, and Bill restarted the furnace. The outage was detected because of the blinking warning light, which continues to work well. Fuel and electrical use at the building was discussed. Mr. Pierce's primary reason for attending was, however, to report on estimates for cleaning and proposals for the 2012 budget.</p> <p>Mr. Mike's Cleaning Service provided costs for cleaning the town office at \$52 per week and as-needed cleaning of the Community House at \$65. Mr. Pierce will ask Mr. Mike's for an estimate for cleaning the town office every other week rather than weekly. Alison Joseph will contact Julie Allen, who currently cleans the town office twice monthly for \$25 per cleaning, to review the scope of work, fees, and ask if she will reconsider her decision to no longer clean the Community House.</p> <p>Mr. Pierce proposed improvements to the Community House kitchen including: new flooring, covering the existing countertops, painting, replacing missing glass on light fixtures, and a new refrigerator, with a budget of \$7,500.00.</p> <p>The exterior paint on the town office will be touched-up in 2012. The former kitchen in the building is cleaned and drywall complete, but is bare and left for the selectboard to decide how to finish. Vermont Correctional Industries does office work environment plans and builds furniture. The town clerk will be asked to contact them for ideas for office layout and furnishing.</p>				
2012 budget	A draft of the 2012 budget based on 2011 expenses, requests from town officers, and anticipated revenue was discussed. Revisions will be made for further discussion at the next meeting. It is anticipated that a Special Meeting will be held 01-30-11 to finalize the budget.				
<b>ROADS</b>					
General	Sanding and plowing are the main activities. A load of gravel was purchased and used to fill potholes and repair water bars. The road commissioner will draft a sign inventory to help budget for sign replacement to meet new standards.				
Road grants	Class 2 Road and Structures grants reimbursement is expected any day. Reimbursement for the sign grant work will be a month or more.				

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August 28, 2011 flood; Tropical storm Irene	One property owner billed for emergency access repairs has not paid. FEMA reimbursement is expected for the emergency access repair. FEMA is not reimbursing the town for work outside the town right-of-way, such as much of the bank armor at the Goshen Road bridge, tree debris removal, and village riprap repair. The HMGP application deadline is extended until 02-17-12. Possible projects and the project list for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan were discussed. Mr. Downer, who viewed prospective sites for engineering assistance by UVM students and made suggestions, will be contacted about additional engineering help.
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
Fire Dept. vehicle	The FMC pumper was purchased 01-08-11.
2011 audit 01-13-12	For the audit the selectboard clerk will: provide all documents requested by the treasurer including a list of new 2011 assets, be present, and contact the selectboard if questions arise.
School speed zone	The draft of the ordinance is not written. The timeline for passing an ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting.
Private road emergency work agreement	Some property owners filed the revised road agreement form. Others will be mailed the revised version after further discussion. At the 12-26-11 meeting, 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. That discussion is to continue.
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	
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 01-17-12, 7:00 p.m., at the Ripton School. Warren King is mailing postcards to publicize the event.
Sand Hill Bridge	There is a public information meeting about the 2014 bridge construction, 01-25-12, 6:30 p.m. at the Ilsley Library Meeting Room.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
Received and reviewed: Town report/town meeting timeline, audit info. request, Irene situation report, HMGP letter of intent, project list, College liquor permit request.	

Laureen Cox

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