

**TOWN OF RIPTON  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
02-27-2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>
02-27-2012	2012-05	7:30	9:15	03-12-2012	7:30 p.m.
<b>Attendees</b>	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Selectboard (Ronald Wimett absent due to road truck repair); Alison Joseph, Board clerk				
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes of 02-13-12 were approved and signed by R. Collitt.				
<b>Approval / Actions</b>	Approved \$15 per hour hourly rate and job description for Geoff Booth to clean the Community House. Signed annual form related to the 2011 grand list: certificate of no appeal or suit pending. Signed Addison County Humane Society annual contract.				
<b>Orders</b>	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$1,600.00; General Fund: \$54,680.64				
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	Received and filed copy of a letter sent to the Bank of America regarding property tax due and a proposed date for initiation of tax sale, for property at 277 Robbins Crossroad.				
<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>					
Town office	Repairs to the former kitchen on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of the town office building continue, with a new subfloor complete. Ron Wimett will be reminded to talk with Bill Pierce about drainage.				
Community House	The need for checking the basement during heavy rain and power outages was discussed. Bill Pierce will be asked to do this.				
<b>ROADS</b>					
Road grants	Class 2 road grant and Structures grant applications are due 03-23-12. Road and bridge standards are important for the grants. It was confirmed to meet the VTrans standards of Jan 4, 2011 which are a little different than our previous version. The newer standards, adopted at the 02-13-12 meeting, include an annual training requirement.				
08-28-11 flood, Tropical storm Irene	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applications are due 03-16-12. The benefit:cost analysis by a FEMA consultant is not complete.				
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>					
Town Meeting	The Board discussed town meeting set-up; coordination with Richard Ruane, who supplies sound and recording equipment, and manages the Saturday Coffee House; warned items and potential topics for other business. The Vermont Elks requested that a letter requesting support of the locally voted property tax exemption be read.				
Sand Hill Bridge	Through the end of March 2012, the Board will take input from residents about preferred time for a 2014 Rt. 125 road closure and detour.				
Trees and roads	At the 02-27-12 meeting a message from Ginger Miller regarding a dead limb in a tree at the end of her driveway was discussed. Dick Collitt reported that the road commissioner looked at it. The tree is not in the right-of-way so will not be removed by the road crew.				
Ancient roads	Though not recently discussed, Ms. Cox reminded the board of a letter from the planning commission about ancient roads legislation. In the upcoming months the board will take time to focus on this topic.				
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>					
Emergency planning/post-disaster review meeting	The public, town officials, and key groups (Middlebury College, Silver Towers, USFS) will be invited to the April 9 <sup>th</sup> selectboard meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Community House, to do a post-disaster review and plan for future emergency events.				
Tree/boundary line issue	The board clerk reported that a Billings Farm Rd. resident called for help establishing a boundary line to resolve concerns about trees cut by a neighbor. The clerk provided the name of the fence viewer. The selectboard recommended involving the tree warden, if assistance is needed.				

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt