

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
03-12-2012**

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
03-12-2012	2012-06	7:30	9:45	03-26-2012	7:30 p.m.
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, Selectboard; Alison Joseph, Board clerk; Visitors: Bill Pierce, facilities coordinator, 8:15-9:00.				
Minutes	Minutes of 02-27-12 and 02-13-12 approved and signed.				
Approval / Actions	<p>Voted chairperson of the selectboard: Laureen Cox.</p> <p>Appointed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • road commissioner, Ronald Whitman (effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013); • animal control officer, Chris Smith; • town service officer, Ceredwyn Alexander; • regional planning delegates, Jeremy Grip and Marty Kulczyk (alternate); • regional transportation delegate, Steve Zwicky; • solid waste district delegates, Steve Zwicky and Jay Harrington (alternate); • Addison County transit delegate, Sue Prager; • energy coordinator, Warren King; • tree warden, Freeman Allen; • fence viewer, Gary Whitman; • weigher of coal, Richard Collitt; • inspector of lumber, shingles and wood, Millard Cox; • zoning board, planning and historic district commissions, Alison Joseph; • conservation commission, Warren King, Sally Buteau, Becky Purdum. <p>Approved purchase of carpet from the Vermont Carpet Gallery for 2nd floor, rear room, at town office. Cost estimated at \$300.00.</p> <p>Approved hiring Beth Duquette, if she is interested, for ongoing Community House cleaning.</p> <p>Approved hiring Mr. Mike's Cleaning Service for Community House immediate cleaning.</p> <p>Approved that the 2012 and ongoing town reports not include a report from the Ripton Community Church.</p> <p>Approved stop sign and yield to left lane sign at Natural Turnpike and Peddlers Bridge Rd.</p>				
Orders	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$8,630.00; General Fund: \$9,121.11.				
Delinquent taxes	March 3, 2012 report received; total due \$44,646.22.				
Officer reports	Treasurer and zoning administrator reports received and filed.				
ROADS					
General	There was some plowing and sanding during this reporting period, but the sand pile remains adequate. The road crew started hauling spring gravel and will spend the next couple of weeks doing spring maintenance and brush clearing. Some filling and grading was done on Robbins Crossroad, Lincoln Rd. to Baker Bridge, and Natural Turnpike. The roads were posted when soft on March 9 th .				
Road grants	The road commissioner is getting a quote from Champlain Construction for membrane coating and paved approaches for the Bent Bridge (bridge #3, TH1). That will be added to estimates for membrane coating and paved approaches for Billings Bridge on Natural Turnpike (bridge #16, TH1) and the Dugway Bridge (bridge #15, TH3) for a structures grant application due 03-23-12.				
08-28-11 flood, Tropical storm Irene	The benefit:cost analysis for the FEMA funded grants is underway. FEMA and state reimbursement of \$13,055.98 is received for town-wide debris clearing, the Lincoln Rd., Old Town Rd. and Deacon Hill Rd. It appears that a portion of the state share remains to be paid. No payment is yet approved for the Goshen Rd., Natural Turnpike, and Peddlers Bridge Rd. damages.				

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TOWN BUILDINGS	
Town office	Bill Pierce presented flooring options for the former kitchen area on the 2 nd floor. His recommendation is indoor/outdoor carpet estimated at \$250-\$300 over vinyl for \$350-\$400. These are uninstalled costs from the Vermont Carpet Gallery, with installation to be done by Bill Pierce and Eugene Warner. The board approved the carpet. There was discussion about the hallway stairs which are to be painted this year. After painting, a non-slip surface will be applied to the stair treads.
Community House	<p>During January budget discussions, the board approved that Mr. Pierce replace the refrigerator. Mr. Pierce looked at refrigerators at HOPE and Sears, and asked the board about purchasing procedures. Ms. Cox will check on a used refrigerator that may be available for purchase.</p> <p>At the Feb. 13th selectboard meeting the board approved to hire Geoff Booth to clean the building. Mr. Booth told Mr. Pierce he no longer wants the job. There was discussion of community members who were approached about the work and declined it, formerly did it, or who might do it; Mr. Mike's Cleaning Service; and the possibility of hiring Beth Duquette who does much of the cleaning for the Coffee House. It was approved that Beth Duquette be asked if she would like the job. It was also approved that Mr. Mike's Cleaning Service be hired for the heavy-duty cleaning currently necessary, if Ms. Duquette does not wish to do that.</p> <p>Mr. Pierce spoke about Eugene Warner's recommendations for refinishing the softwood floor by removing polyurethane without deep sanding, and recoating. No decision was made on this topic and Mr. Pierce left the meeting at 9:00.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	
Town Meeting	Mr. Collitt noted that Article 7 of the town meeting warning, which concerned the US Supreme Court decision about Citizen's United and corporate personhood, was approved, and must be reported to our state and US legislators within 30 days.
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.
Emergency planning/post-disaster review meeting	The post-Irene disaster review assessment is April 9th during the selectboard meeting. Representatives from the USFS, Middlebury College, Silver Towers, and Regional Planning have been contacted. Only the USFS has confirmed attendance.
NEW BUSINESS	
Trash and town shed	Bills from Webb and Sons have been higher than expected due to trash left in the recycling trailer or at the town shed. Those on the recycling committee will be asked to monitor disposal, and efforts will be made to address unauthorized drop-off.
Town report	Jerry Shedd wrote to the selectboard that reports from two non-town entities may have mistakenly been included in the 2011 town report. It was decided that one of these, the Community Coffee House, be included in future town reports because it is recognized as a town committee and the selectboard requests its report. It was decided that a report from the other, the Ripton Community Church, not be included in town reports because it is not a town entity, and is owned by the United Methodist Church.
Stop and yield signs	The southern intersection of Peddlers Bridge Rd. and Natural Turnpike has a yield sign at the southbound lane of Natural Turnpike. Because drivers from Natural Turnpike often do not yield to those coming downhill from Peddlers Bridge Rd., a stop sign was approved to replace the yield sign. The road commissioner will also add a "yield to left lane" sign before the intersection of the north-bound lane of Natural Turnpike with Peddlers Bridge Rd. to caution drivers who are crossing a travel lane.

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt