

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
03-26-2012**

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
03-26-2012	2012-07	7:30	9:30	04-09-2012	7:30 p.m.
Attendees	Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Visitors: Sally Hoyler, treasurer, 7:30-8:15.				
Minutes	Minutes of 03-12-2012 approved and signed.				
Approval / Actions	<p>Approved purchase and installation of a timed or motion detector security light for the town office exterior.</p> <p>Approved purchase and installation of a screen door for the west door of the town office.</p> <p>Approved that recycling funds may be left at the Ripton Country Store for pick-up by the town treasurer.</p> <p>Approved Middlebury College gift-in-kind amount of \$818.00 for 4 days of equipment rental and instruction for the Ripton Elementary School at the Rikert Nordic Center.</p> <p>Approved letter to J. Shedd regarding town report.</p>				
Orders	Reviewed and signed: Roads: \$8,289.22; General Fund: \$9,599.43.				
Treasurer report	Sally Hoyler reported on the March 21 st Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) treasurers workshop. Information about several topics was presented including: internal controls, tax bills and policies, July-June fiscal year vs. calendar year accounting, risk management, and cash receipts. It was agreed that those collecting recycling funds may leave the funds at the Ripton Country Store, if bringing them to the treasurer during office hours is not possible; cash would be secure at the store until collected by the treasurer. Ms. Hoyler requested a security light and a screen door for the town office. Both were approved. Discussion concluded and Ms. Hoyler left the meeting at 8:15.				
ROADS					
General	It is mud season. Road work included some squeegee work with the grader, grading, and a lot of moving gravel. From 4358 Lincoln Rd. to the town line the road is soft but passable; about three loads of gravel are needed. Other roads are in decent shape and expected to dry this week. Sand will be removed from the paved roads, followed by sweeping.				
Signs	The road commissioner provided a sign inventory. The 2012 budget will fund replacement of approximately half the signs on Natural Turnpike to meet new standards.				
Road grants	Applications for state class 2 road and structures grants are submitted.				
08-28-11 flood, Tropical storm Irene	<p>The FEMA consultant reported that none of our projects met the benefit:cost analysis criteria for grant eligibility. With minor revision the Barker Road project may be eligible if there is a third round for applications.</p> <p>Roland Luxenberg is expected March 27th to collect more information for FEMA reimbursement requests.</p>				
TOWN BUILDINGS					
Town office	See Approval/Actions above for exterior security light and screen door approvals.				
Community House	<p>Beth Duquette declined the job of cleaning the Community House. M&C Cleaning will be called to ask if Ripton-based and interested. To get the building cleaned prior to the next rental, Mr. Mike's Cleaning Service satisfactorily completed the work on March 26.</p> <p>There was discussion about upcoming rentals and need for inspection.</p> <p>Ms. Cox is checking on a used refrigerator that may be available for purchase.</p>				
OLD BUSINESS					
Town Meeting Article 7	The voters approval of Article 7 at the March 5, 2012 town meeting, concerning the US Supreme Court decision about corporate personhood, was conveyed by letter to VT and US legislators March 14.				
Sand Hill Bridge	The selectboard will send a letter to VTrans, and copies to local officials, requesting that bridge construction begin as near as feasible to April 15, 2014.				
Post-disaster Review	The post-Irene disaster review is April 9 th , 7:30 p.m., at the Community House.				