

**TOWN OF RIPTON  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
04-23-2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>
04-23-2012	2012-09	7:30	9:55	05-14-2012	7:30 p.m.
<b>Attendees</b>	Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; William Pierce, facilities coordinator, attended 7:45-8:35.				
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes of 03-26-12 and 04-09-12 were reviewed, amended, approved and signed.				
<b>Approval / Actions</b>	Approved that community potluck events may be held at the Community House without a rental fee. Approved work to enclose 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor hall cabinets at the town office.				
<b>Orders</b>	Approved, reviewed and signed: Roads: \$810.00; General Fund: \$13,364.85.				
<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>					
Town shed	Non-recyclable items are being left at the town shed between recycling dates, and many must be disposed of at town expense. To discourage interim drop-offs, deterrents such as signs or having volunteers on duty at the shed weekdays for a month were discussed. The recycling coordinators will be contacted for input.				
Bill Pierce was present for discussion of the following two items: Town office and Community House.					
Town office	Exterior lighting options were considered. The motion detector light approved 03-26-12 remained the approved option. The problem of water pooling near the ramp will be addressed by ditching and sloping, and raising the ramp where it has sunk. Exterior touch-up painting will be done by Gene Warner as weather and time allow. The meeting moved to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor to look at recent work and discuss a request from the town clerk about flooring choice for the former kitchen. The carpet recommended by the facilities coordinator, and approved 03-12-12, remains the choice of the selectboard. Storage space in the room and hallway was evaluated, and considered sufficient to allow the room to serve as a work space. The hall cabinets are large, but not entirely enclosed. Construction of a top surface to make the cabinets more functional was moved by Lauren Cox and approved.				
Community House	M&C Cleaning declined cleaning the Community House. Mr. Mike's Cleaning Service continues to do the job as needed. Problems with the bathroom light fixtures were noted, with replacement proposed in 2013.				
<b>ROADS</b>					
General	Road work is ahead of schedule. The North Branch and Dugway Roads are graded. Goshen Rd. grading, road sweeping, and identification of areas to be brush-cut will be done soon. A schedule of road work was prioritized as follows: Peddlers Bridge Rd. – paving between Wagon Wheel Rd. and #552, headwall repair at culvert #B13 (near town shed); Chandler Hill Rd. and Frost Rd. surface gravel and ditching. Barker Rd. may receive some FEMA funding for gravel and ditching. Areas most susceptible to flood damage on Dragon Brook Rd. will be maintained as low water crossings.				
Signs	Signs to meet new standards are ordered from Vermont Correctional Industries for Natural Turnpike, Deer Creek Run, and the school zone.				
Road grants	Because the class 2 road grant application included a culvert greater than 48", it was changed to a structures grant application.				
08-28-11 flood, Tropical storm Irene	Ripton's FEMA worksheets are moving from project specialist Roland Luxenberg to his supervisor, with no answers about reimbursement expected before mid-May.				
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>					
Post-disaster Review	There will be follow-up about liability issues related to volunteers, and communication hubs and radios.				
Community House rental	A recent request for use of the Community House without charge and a previous request for community potluck suppers were considered. Lauren Cox moved and the board approved that if a potluck event is open to all in town, the building may be used without rental charge.				

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt