

**TOWN OF RIPTON  
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start:</b>	<b>End:</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Next Time</b>
01-13-03	2003-01	7:35	9:30	01-27-2003	7:30pm

<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Laureen Cox and Ronald Wimett, Selectmen; & Timothy Hanson, Town Clerk.
<b>Visitors:</b>	None
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 12-09-02 were signed. Minutes for 12-23-02 were reviewed and signed.
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	Approved tax sale proceedings against Joseph McCarthy, and Malcolm and Barbara Harding. Approved starting court action against David and Melissa Manning to get the illegally placed trailer moved from their lot.
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 01/13/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$7,722.50, and for General Fund \$9,489.58.

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Action</b>
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**Parking Lot Grant—Old Business**

00-18-Park-a	<b>Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant</b>	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
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The Board had a long discussion about the parking lot enhancement design. Points raised:

- Need to clarify what the agreement with Otter Creek Engineering comprises—are they to design a master plan for the best options for the area, or design what we can afford? The Clerk said that he understood that they were to do detailed plans of the affordable portion of the project (parking lot upgrade, planting strip, etc.) and conceptual plans for the greater project, with costs. Mr. Ford expressed some concern that we may be asking for too many re-drawings of the plans, which may increase the cost.
- Does there need to be a path or sidewalk through the parking lot, however the parking lot is configured? The drawing that shows a path running around the front of the buildings looks nice, but the Board was not sure that people would actually use it. The tendency might be to cut straight across the lot.
- The Board felt that if we do an island, there ought to be a planting to go in it, otherwise we would have a curbed area with nothing in it.
- The Board noted the costs of burying utility lines, and concluded that the cost was prohibitive, especially since none of the costs could be reimbursed by grant funds, leaving the Town with a minimum of \$100,000.00 to pay to bury the utilities.

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- The Board expressed an interest in looking for more money to do the footpath from the Church to the river, and the pedestrian bridge. There is a continuing concern over pedestrian safety as they try to cross the State bridge.

The Board decided that they could support the basic plan to do the island (with soil and some sort of planting), the definition of the entranceway with curbing, as show on the drawing labeled “Exhibit 1”. Otter Creek will continue with conceptual plans for the rest of the project.

No reimbursement yet from the State on this project.

**Roads—Old Business**

02-06-Roads-a	<b>Truck Traffic on Route 125</b>	03-25-02	Ongoing	TH
Nothing new for this meeting.				
01-03-Roads-a	<b>North Branch Culvert Grant (FEMA) and Dugway Culvert Grant (VTRANS) Williams Culvert (Town)</b>	02-26-01	1-13-03	
All funds have been received for these projects—Item Closed.				

**Community House Roof—Old Business**

02-15-Chse-a	<b>Community House Roof</b>	08-12-02		TH
The Clerk said that the drawings for the new roof were inadvertently not sent to the bidders. The Clerk will contact the low bidder to see if, upon examination of the drawings, he can hold his original bid. If he can, the Board will draft documents accepting his bid for the project.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett