

**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>
03-24-03	2003-06	7:40	9:15	04-14-03	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 03-10-03 were reviewed and signed.
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	Waiting for revised driveway access permit application from Timothy Leary. Mr. Wimett will keep an eye on the driveway to make sure it isn't built without a permit.  Accepted Tim Hanson's resignation as Solid Waste District Alternate to allow for the appointment of Aaron Coburn as the alternate in his stead.
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 03/24/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$3,442.50, and for General Fund \$4,382.51.

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**Zoning—New Business**

03-06-Zone-a	<b>Poritz Subdivision</b>	03-24-03	Pending	
<p>The Planning Commission is reviewing a subdivision request from Mr. Poritz. His land is mostly on the Pearl Lee Road. The Town has maintained a legal trail from the Class IV section of the Pearl Lee Road through Mr. Poritz's land to Lincoln. The issue that is raised is that Mr. Poritz may not use the Town's trail for access to his land without approval from the Selectmen—nor may he cut across it or use it in any way without permission.</p> <p>The problem is that the location of the trail is not entirely clear. Maps show where the trail goes, and there may be information in the Town records that shows when and where the road was laid out, but the trail is not clearly marked on the ground. The 1980 orthophoto seems to show the trail, and older orthophotos may show the trail more clearly.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he and Warren King, Chair of the Planning Commission, discussed the Selectmen's likely wish for Mr. Poritz to build any work on the trail or any proposed road to Class III Town road standards. Mr. Poritz would be free to designate rights-of-way for driveway access though his own land without using the trail, but it will be important to find where the trail is so that the trail is not crossed without Town approval.</p> <p>The Clerk will start the process of locating the trail. He will do:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legal research</li> <li>2. Find old maps</li> <li>3. Locate old orthophotos</li> <li>4. Speak with "old timers" about location of the trail.</li> </ol>				

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### Zoning—Old Business

03-02-Zone-b	<b>David and Melissa Manning Property</b>	01-28-03	Pending	
<p>The Clerk visited David Manning this morning and asked him about the removal of the trailer. Mr. Manning indicated that he was not trying to stall—he said two people had promised to remove it but they have not done so yet. He said that he would call them and tell them they had a week to take it away or he will bulldoze the trailer and dispose of it.</p> <p>The Board agreed to wait one more meeting (until April 14) to start legal action. If the trailer is not removed by then, the Town will contact the law firm of Runcie and Ouimette and start proceedings.</p> <p>The Clerk needs to follow up on the burned trailer—are there solid waste issues? The Clerk will contact the Solid Waste District to see if their enforcement arm can look at the situation.</p>				

### Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	<b>Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant</b>	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>Three issues relating to grant funding for the removal of the old fuel tank during the parking lot grant project were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there grant funds specifically for the removal of tanks like that?</li> <li>2. Can grant funds for this project (AOT funds) be used for this aspect of the project?</li> <li>3. Are there funds available under the insurance pool that is in place to help pay for catastrophic fuel-oil leaks?</li> </ol> <p>Project manager Alison Joseph reports (in writing) that there is a new State project manager on board now, so things may move a little more quickly.</p> <p>VTRANS is still in the process of reviewing preliminary designs prepared by Otter Creek Engineering. The State would like the planting strip moved back a bit from the pavement edge to better accommodate snowplows. This may allow cars to park legally along the road side of this strip, but it would cramp the parking inside the parking area unless the designated parking area was moved a little further north. Alison is meeting with the Conservation Commission to review these options.</p> <p>The Clerk clarified the March 5<sup>th</sup> memo from Ms. Joseph. She modified the plans based on her understanding of the Selectmen’s concern about the pathway and other issues. She is now aware that the Board has two plans in mind. One is the stripped down version to be built this year, as filed in the minutes. The other is the entire plan endorsed by the Conservation Commission, minus the semicircular</p>				

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planting area in front of the Town Office. She will clarify this in the next memo.

We have received payment for invoices submitted. It seems as though most of our in-kind expenses were accepted without demur.

### Roads—Old Business

02-06-Roads-a	<b>Truck Traffic on Route 125</b>	03-25-02	Ongoing	TH
Still a plan to get a video of a tractor-trailer crossing the center line on Route 125. Mr. Ford will try to continue to take photos.				

### Community House Furnace—Old Business

03-02-Chse-a	<b>Community House Furnace</b>	01-28-03	TH, AJ	
McIntyre Heating needs to be provided a key to the Community House.				
Still need to try running the refrigerator.				

### Community House Roof—Old Business

02-15-Chse-a	<b>Community House Roof</b>	08-12-02		TH
Wilson Contracting cannot set a date to do the roof until we make a color choice. The Historic District will rule on the project at their hearing on April 8, 2003.				

### Road Sign on the North Branch (Warner/Sauerwald)—New Business

03-06-Sign-a	<b>Warner Sign</b>	03-24-03	On-going	TH
Mr. Warner has not altered his informational sign to conform to the Selectmen's request for a sign that does not indicate that the drive-way (right-of-way) Mr. Warner uses over Mr. Sauerwald's land is named "Warner Road". Since this has gone on so long without resolution, the Selectmen will have a sign fabricated that shows Mr. Warner's name and E911 number but in a different format from the usual road signs. If the Warners and Sauerwalds decide on a road name, the Town will install a conventional road sign at that time, as the Town does for any named road.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimet