

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
05-26-03	2003-10	7:35	9:45	06-09-03	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford and Ronald Wimett, Selectmen.
Visitors:	None
Minutes:	Minutes for 05-12-03 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	Approved driveway access permit for Timothy O’Leary pending an actual permit form to sign. Agreed to try to find a delegate to a new State Police Community Advisory Board—suggested Ed Sullivan as a possibility.
Orders:	Orders for 05/26/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$8,400.00, and for General Fund \$19,303.35.

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Zoning—Old Business

03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
Nothing new on the Poritz subdivision for this meeting. Nothing new on the trail portion of the Pearl Lee Road for this meeting.				

03-02-Zone-b	David and Melissa Manning Property	01-28-03	Pending	
Nothing new for this meeting.				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>VTRANS has agreed in principle that the pedestrian bridge can be placed parallel and close to the easterly bridge over Route 125 (so-called “Bridge of Flowers”). However, its lowest point can be no lower than the existing bridge. VTRANS has agreed that the guardrails can be moved (at the Town’s expense) to reduce the amount of private land that would have to be used for the right-of-way.</p> <p>In response to Board questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the bridge be shortened? Belden Corp said that any change to the structure would be expensive and make this bridge a poor choice. • Could the bridge be installed before the path to the bridge was completed? VTRANS agreed with Mr. Fern that this is possible. <p>The Board said at the last meeting that it would make sense to have Belden sell the Town the bridge and provide trucking, concrete work, and placement of the structure. VTRANS has told the Town</p>				

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that since there is Federal money involved, the project would have to go out to bid. The Board reinforced their determination to buy the bridge, and to do whatever it takes to get the project out to bid as soon as possible, with the hope that Belden is low bid and can move forward quickly. Project Manager Alison Joseph will work with the State to try to expedite this process.

Roads—Old Business

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Town has been awarded two grants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Class 2 grant. This work is for upgrading the Lincoln Road. The Town will pave a section of the previously paved road, and will do significant ditching and gravel placement to the unpaved portion. 2. Culvert Grant. This is to provide a relief culvert for the culvert just past the fire station. Mr. Wimett indicated that he might like to bid on the project. 				

Roads—New Business

03-08-Roads-a	Summer Work	04-28-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Clerk has ordered new signs for Burnt Hill and Steam Mill Road.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett has finished hauling gravel.</p> <p>Culvert work will be a summer project. Many culverts can be replaced since the Town stockpiled culverts last year with 2002 funds. The stop sign on the Baker Bridge needs to be repaired—it has been knocked down.</p> <p>Annual VTRANS meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 8:00 am.</p> <p>Sand berms under the approach guardrails on several of the bridges still need to be dealt with.</p>				

02-06-Roads-a	Truck Traffic on Route 125	03-25-02	Ongoing	TH
Nothing new on this for this meeting.				

Community House Maintenance—Old Business

03-02-Chse-a	Community House Maintenance	01-28-03	TH, AJ	
<p>The jet toilet in the east bathroom has been installed. According to MacIntyre, the waste line between this toilet and the septic tank is clear.</p>				

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Community House Roof—Old Business

02-15-Chse-a	Community House Roof	08-12-02		TH
<p>Wilson Contracting has only installed one snow rail system, though the drawings called for two. The Clerk has contacted Contek Snow systems, who said that a roof of that type ought to have two snow rail systems. The cost to purchase an additional snow rail system is about \$1300. The Board requested that the Clerk contact Wilson contracting to get a price to install a second rail system. There was confusion about mailing the plans when the original bids were solicited, so the Board felt that Wilson would have a legitimate reason to believe that a single rail system was all that was required.</p>				

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

03-06-Sign-a	Warner Sign	03-24-03	On-going	TH
<p>The Clerk told Mr. Warner that a new sign will replace the one that is there now. He was not very happy about this. The sign has been delivered, and will be installed.</p>				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett