

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
06-23-03	2003-12	7:40	9:35	07-14-03	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox and Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Timothy Hanson, Clerk.
Visitors:	None.
Minutes:	Minutes for 06-09-03 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	<p>Signed the access permit for the North Branch School—with the change made on the application from a 24’ long culvert to a 30’ long culvert. Culvert can be 15” diameter.</p> <p>Resolved/approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan (see below).</p> <p>Approved and signed a letter to VTRANS supporting permitting the pedestrian bridge (copy filed with the minutes).</p> <p>Noted that the Town Report for 2001 received an award for excellence.</p> <p>Mr. Ford shared information about recent VOSHA inspections of towns and encouraged the Clerk to check to see if the Town has any areas of vulnerability.</p>
Orders:	Orders for 06/23/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$8,016.76 and for General Fund \$10,351.43.

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Hazard Mitigation—Old Business

03-11-Haz-b	Regional Planning Hazard Mitigation Plan	06-09-03	6-23-03	
<p>The Board adopted the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by Regional Planning.</p> <p>The Town is still looking for a delegate to the Regional Planning Transportation Committee. (To reminder list)</p>				

Insurance Certificates—New Business

03-11-Ins-a	Insurance Certificates	06-09-03		
<p>The Clerk is expecting to meet with VLCT about changing over the Town’s workers compensation insurance policy to them. He has a meeting tentatively scheduled for this week with VLCT’s insurance underwriter.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett gave the Town copies of his proof of insurance . The Town is still waiting to hear from Mr. Jackson and. The Board reiterated that anyone that works on Town projects has to show proof of insurance (liability and worker’s comp for those who have employees) before they start. Examples include whoever mows the roadsides and truckers who haul gravel or winter sand.</p>				

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The Clerk is working on a tracking system to keep a record of who has certificates on file.

Zoning—Old Business

03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
<p>Nothing new on the Poritz subdivision application except that the Clerk noted that an attorney working for the National Forest was here looking into the property in question. This may mean that Mr. Poritz is seriously considering selling land to the National Forest. .</p> <p>Nothing new on the trail portion of the Pearl Lee Road.</p>				
03-02-Zone-b	David and Melissa Manning Property	01-28-03	Pending	
<p>There has been no change in the status of the trailer on Mr. Manning's property. The Board reviewed a letter from the Clerk to Langrock and Sperry requesting that Peter Langrock contact Mr. Manning to see if he can get this process moving. This letter has been sent—no response as yet.</p>				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>Continue to work on getting permits and agreements to get the pedestrian bridge placed this year. Fred Nicholson has given his verbal approval for the pedestrian bridge.</p> <p>Burying the utilities in the center of Town has come up again. Mr. Wolfe from the Conservation Commission is interested in finding funds to do this. Mr. Ford said to make sure that as he does his calculations he needs to factor in inflation.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Selectmen were unable to meet to discuss how to use the funds for the Class 2 grant. They will meet on Saturday, June 28 at 8 am to walk/drive the road and collect data so they can make decisions about how to use the funding at their next meeting</p> <p>The Board is looking for the culvert map.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he met with Fred Nicholson, who is in charge of river work permits for the State, and he has said that he will under no circumstances permit the culvert as planned by David Marshall. The description of the project indicates that there will be two culverts of equal size side by side, which he says is an unacceptable design. Mr. Nicholson will consider a design more similar</p>				

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to the relief culvert that was installed at the Dugway/North Branch intersection, particularly if the relief culvert is a box culvert that is wider than it is high.

The Clerk will contact David Marshall to speak to him about how this issue can be resolved.

03-08-Roads-a	Summer Work	04-28-03	Ongoing	
<p>Mr. Wimett will install new signs for Burnt Hill and Steam Mill Road.</p> <p>Culvert work has yet to start. Mr. Wimett (and the Board) are waiting for a copy of the culvert survey map to help determine which culvert need replacement.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that the stop sign on the Baker Bridge needs a new post—the old one has been destroyed. He intends to install it soon.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that he expects to remove the sand berms under the approach guardrails later this week.</p>				

02-06-Roads-a	Truck Traffic on Route 125	03-25-02	Ongoing	TH
<p>The Board discussed aggressive enforcement of traffic laws on the Town section of Route 125. This would involve hiring the Sheriff to do more patrol, concentrating on trucks (and other vehicles) that cross the center line. The Board did not reject the idea, but will think about it until the next meeting.</p>				

Community House—New Business

03-12-Chse-a	Community House Rental	06-23-03	Ongoing	TH
<p>The Board reviewed a draft of changes to the Community House contract. Comments on the draft include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ‘opening and closing fee’ is too low if in fact someone has to go to the building and do a pre and post use inspection. This will take at least an hour each time, and the \$10.00 is not adequate. • The issue of whether or not the Town can refuse to rent the building to anyone as stated in the contract was discussed. The Clerk said that this language was reviewed by the Town’s attorneys in the past and was deemed appropriate. • Trash disposal—although most places do not require the renter to haul away their own trash, the Town really has no place to store garbage (especially food waste) between bi-weekly trash pick-ups at the recycling shed. The Board agreed to require that the renters dispose of their trash off the property. • When the rental process is complete, both the renter and the Town should have complete signed copies of the entire contract. That way there can be no questions as to the terms of the con- 				

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tract.

- The Board redrafted the alcohol article to say “Alcoholic beverages may be served at the Community House only with the written consent of the Selectmen. (See Section 3, paragraph 2 of the Ripton Open Container Regulations adopted February 29, 1988.)

The Board discussed a report from Gaia Billings (who is doing the cleaning at the community House) to say that the North Branch School had not done a very good job of cleaning up after themselves when they used the building for their graduation. Since this is the second time the North Branch School has left the building in less than good condition, the Board voted to prohibit them from renting the building again for six months.

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02-15-Chse-a	Community House Roof	08-12-02		TH
Wilson Contracting will install a second snow rail system for \$1,800.00 (\$1,300.00 for the rail, and \$500.00 to rent the lift and install the assembly). It will take him about three to four weeks to get the rail system ordered and installed. The Clerk will write to him to confirm this agreement.				

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

03-06-Sign-a	Warner Sign	03-24-03	On-going	TH
The new sign for Mr. Warner’s driveway has been delivered. Mr. Wimett will install it soon.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett