

**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>
07-28-03	2003-14	7:40	10:05	08-11-03	7:30pm

<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford and Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Timothy Hanson, Clerk.
<b>Visitors:</b>	Chris Smith
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 07-14-03 were reviewed and signed.
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	Tax bills have been mailed.  Approved driveway access permit for Jeremy Grip—excluding the portion that is indicated on the plan as “to be completed at a later date”.
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 07/28/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$5,660.00, and for General Fund \$2,971.00.

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**Insurance Certificates—Old Business**

03-11-Ins-a	<b>Insurance Certificates</b>	06-09-03		
<p>The Clerk has met with VLCT about changing over the Town’s workers compensation insurance policy to them. They have quoted a price to cover everyone for \$1,034.00, which is a great deal less than the outrageous amounts Travelers was trying to charge us. The Clerk will switch to VLCT mid-year unless there is some fiscal impediment to doing so. VLCT would also like to cover the Fire Department equipment and liability insurance. The Fire Department will meet with VLCT later to see if what they have on offer is as comprehensive as what VFIS has in place.</p> <p>The Clerk is collecting copies of proofs of insurance for all vendors and others who do any work on the Town property.</p>				

**Zoning—Old Business**

03-06-Zone-a	<b>Poritz Subdivision</b>	03-24-03	Pending	
<p>The Clerk reported that Mr. Poritz has changed how he is trying to sell his land on the Lincoln Road and the Pearl Lee Road. Instead of multiple lots at the end on the Class 4 portion of the road, he is selling two large lots off that road.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the Clerk has learned that the National Forest is negotiating with Mr. Poritz to acquire some of his property off the Pearl Lee Road. This process might take quite a while.</p> <p>The Board is looking for a map from the Conservation Commission showing the location of the trail from the Pearl Lee Road to Lincoln. This map needs to be in place so that the Town can make Poritz and the Campbells aware of where the right-of-way is. Once the trail is marked on a map and on the ground, the affected owners can figure out how to deal with it. The concern is that if they do not know where it is, they might build a house or a driveway on it or too close</p>				

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to it. The Clerk will contact Mr. King about this issue.
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03-02-Zone-b	<b>David and Melissa Manning Property</b>	01-28-03	Pending	
There has been no noticeable change in the status of Mr. Manning's trailer. The Board suggested that the Sheriff's work-party might be drafted to finish the job for Mr. Manning.				

### Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	<b>Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant</b>	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>The Board reviewed a memo from Alison Joseph about the project. A copy of this memo is filed with the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board approved a road-cut permit for Jeremy Grip (see above)</li> <li>• The Board voted not to apply for more funding for later stages of this project until this stage of the project is completed.</li> <li>• The Board declined to allow the westerly road cut onto 125 to be moved to accommodate the request of the Coffee House Committee.</li> <li>• The Board noted that the utilities will have to be disconnected to allow a crane to place the bridge.</li> </ul>				

### Roads—New Business

03-14-Roads-a	<b>Residents Complaints about Roads</b>	03-28-03	Ongoing	RW
Chris Smith attended the meeting briefly to ask if the College end of the Steam Mill Road could be graded. Mr. Wimett said that he would grade it soon. Mr. Smith also asked about the condition of the entryway to the Dugway and was told that the plan was to pave an apron approach on the Dugway, similar to what is in place on Robbins Cross Road.				

### Roads—New Business

03-14-Roads-b	<b>Who will do the road-work in the future?</b>	03-28-03	Ongoing	Board
The Board had a brief discussion about what Mr. Wimett's plans are in terms of keeping Maiden Lane Contractors going. Mr. Wimett said that he expected to stay in business for the foreseeable future, but that Mr. Jackson has been a good addition to the team of local workers who can do road work. Mr. Ford wondered if it might make sense for the Town to start a fund to buy certain road equipment that the Town would own if, in the future, the Town had to hire employees to take care of the roads. The cost to buy all the equipment necessary would be very high—at least \$500,000. No decisions were made on this issue at this meeting.				

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### Roads—Old Business

03-10-Roads-a	<b>State Grants</b>	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>Mr. Wimett has started the work on the Class 2 road project. Brush and tree cutting is being done on Miller Hill and near the Lucky 7 watering tub. Mr. Wimett has spoken with landowners about the project so they will not be surprised. He will work on erosion control as the project develops, rather than wait until all the work is done. Some matting may be required on the steeper banks.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett has spoken with Dupoise about paving, who is now on line for that.</p> <p>The stones to be removed are too large for a drill. Mr. Wimett will contact a blaster, but this might be too expensive a project, since the set-up fees can be very large.</p> <p>The Clerk still needs to inform VTRANS and the Town's engineer that culvert work on Peddler's Bridge is postponed until next year.</p>				

03-08-Roads-a	<b>Summer Work</b>	04-28-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Clerk asked Mr. Wimett if he would install the new signs for Burnt Hill and Steam Mill Road and Warner's house sign soon. There have been complaints that they are not in place yet.</p> <p>Culvert work has yet to start. The culvert map has been located so it can be used to help determine which culverts need replacement.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett still needs to fix the stop sign on the Baker Bridge.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett still needs to remove the sand berms under the approach guardrails.</p>				

02-06-Roads-a	<b>Truck Traffic on Route 125</b>	03-25-02	Ongoing	TH
Nothing new on this matter for this meeting				

### Community House—Old Business

03-12-Chse-a	<b>Community House Rental</b>	06-23-03	Ongoing	TH
No news on the draft of changes to the Community House contract.				
2-15-Chse-a	<b>Community House Roof</b>	08-12-02		TH
Wilson Contracting has not yet installed the snow rail.				

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

03-06-Sign-a	<b>Warner Sign</b>	03-24-03	On-going	TH
Mr. Wimett said he will install the new sign for Mr. Warner's driveway soon.				

William Ford

Ronald Wimett