

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
09-08-03	2003-17	7:35	9:15	09-22-03	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford and Lauren Cox, Selectmen, and Timothy Hanson, Clerk.
Visitors:	None.
Minutes:	Minutes for 08-25-03 were reviewed, corrected and signed.
Approval Actions:	
Orders:	Orders for 09/08/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$7,304.37, and for General Fund \$30,656.09.

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Insurance Certificates—Old Business

03-11-Ins-a	Worker's Compensation Insurance	06-09-03		TH
	The target date to go with VLCT worker's compensation insurance is September 15 th .			

Zoning—Old Business

03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
	<p>The Board requested that the Clerk write to Mr. King to get a response on getting a map of the trail.</p> <p>The Clerk has spoken with Ellen Fallon about the issue of the Town's right-of-way through to Lincoln. She will research the issue. Her preliminary advice to the Town was to be definitive about where the trail is, rather than start from a position of negotiation. The Clerk will send her the deed and maps so she has a picture of the situation.</p>			

03-02-Zone-b	David and Melissa Manning Property	01-28-03	Pending	
	The Clerk reported that Mr. Manning's trailer is still there, but it has been demolished further.			

03-17-Zone-a	McGlashan Trailer	09-08-03	Pending	
	The Board noted that McGlashan's trailer has been moved from its site, and is not being lived in, but it is parked right by the side of the Lincoln Road, and has been for quite a while. The Board asked the Clerk to speak with Ed Hanson to see if he has any idea what Mr. McGlashan's plans are.			

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Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>Alison inspected the used granite curbing in Middlesex. The Board reviewed photos and samples of the material. The Board learned that the granite, valued at approximately \$10,000.00, would be given to the Town. The Board was concerned about the price of trucking, and asked that Alison check with Richard Hosking, DTA, to get names of truckers who would have the equipment to move the granite to Ripton. This project is not appropriate for Maiden Lane Contractors. The Board requested that a price to move the granite be compared with the price to purchase the granite with delivery included. The Board further agreed that if the granite must be delivered before we are actually ready to use it, it could be stored near the Town Office, so long as it is not stacked in such a way that it poses a safety hazard. Alison is trying to get the State to hold onto the granite until we need it.</p> <p>Alison also said that the salvage catch basin is appropriate for the project. The Board wanted to make sure that the catch basin would not have to be modified to fit the project—if it did, any cost saving would probably be reduced or eliminated.</p> <p>Alison met with the State project manager and Otter Creek Engineering on Tuesday Sept 9th and she believes that everyone knows what they need to do to get the permits in place.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

03-16-Roads-a	Widening the Natural Turnpike Shoulder	08-25-03	Ongoing	RW,TH
<p>Members of the Board have looked at the site. They noted that Mr. Grip had not placed any markers on his land to show where he proposes to plant a privacy screen.</p> <p>The Board said that they have no problems having him plant a screen outside the Town's right-of-way. This distance, measured from the center of the road, is 1 ½ rods, or 24.75 feet. (1 rod = 16.50 feet X 3 = 49.50 / 2 =24.5). Further, the Board said that he could fill alongside the existing road if he wanted to (in coordination with Mr. Wimett, Road Commissioner), so long as the drainage is not altered.</p> <p>The Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Grip with this decision.</p>				

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03-16-Roads-b	National Forest Gravel on Steam Mill & Natural Turnpike	08-25-03	Ongoing	RW,TH
The Clerk will document current conditions as soon as possible.				
03-15-Roads-a	Phone Line in the Lincoln Road	08-11-03	Ongoing	RW,TH
The Board is expecting a bill from Mr. Johnston soon, so this issue can be closed.				
08-11-Roads-b	College/Wagon Wheel Road	08-11-03	Resolved	
The Board reviewed another letter from Steven Weber stating that the work to be done will all be on private land. Since this is so, the Town has no further interest in this matter.				
03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Board wanted to make sure that the hill had been fertilized and limed as well. Mr. Wimett will check.</p> <p>The Board asked Mr. Wimett to re-set the hay bales in the ditch line around the Lucky 7. They have become displaced. Mr. Ford recommended two stakes per bale.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said we are on Dupoise's paving list.</p> <p>The Board said that blasting the rocks that are now protruding into the line-of-sight is a safety priority.</p>				
03-08-Roads-a	Miscellaneous Summer Work	04-28-03	Ongoing	
<p>Regarding a request for a Children Crossing sign on the Lincoln Road, the Clerk will look into having the State "sign man" take a look at this area and make a recommendation.</p> <p>There have been complaints about closing the road when the culverts were placed.</p> <p>There is no chloride on the roads yet.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett still needs to fix the stop sign on the Baker bridge, and also a stop sign at Robbins Cross Road.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett still needs to remove the sand berms under the approach guardrails.</p>				
02-06-Roads-a	Truck Traffic on Route 125	03-25-02	Ongoing	TH
The Sheriff is looking into enforcing the 'crossing the center line' rules on the Town's portion of Route 125. He has spoken with sev-				

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eral people in the State and has some enforcement ideas.
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Old Office—Old Business

08-11-OldOf-a	Old Office Rental	08-11-03	Ongoing	Board
No formal proposal from Carol McKnight to rent the old office has been received. Chris Smith still needs to clean up the brush around the building.				

Community House—Old Business

03-12-Chse-a	Community House Rental	06-23-03	Ongoing	TH
The Clerk and Board reviewed the new draft of the Community House contract.				

William Ford

Ronald Wimett

Lauren Cox