

**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>
10-13-03	2003-19	7:35	8:30	10-27-03	7:30pm

<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Ronald Wimett and Lauren Cox, Selectmen. Sally Hoyler was present to take notes for the meeting.
<b>Visitors:</b>	None.
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 09-22-03 were reviewed, corrected and signed.
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 10/13/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$18,145.01 , and for General Fund \$7,655.91.

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Action</b>
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**Zoning—Old Business**

03-06-Zone-a	<b>Poritz Subdivision</b>	03-24-03	Pending	
<p>The Clerk has sent a letter to Mr. Campbell to make sure that he and his forester are aware that there is a right-of-way through the land—copy filed with the minutes.</p> <p>The Clerk still needs to meet with Ellen Fallon about the Town’s right-of-way through to Lincoln.</p>				

03-02-Zone-b	<b>David and Melissa Manning Property</b>	01-28-03	Pending	
<p>The Clerk has sent a return-receipt letter to Mr. Manning with an October 27<sup>th</sup> deadline for the removal of the trailer after which the Town will initiate legal action.</p>				

03-17-Zone-a	<b>McGlashan Trailer</b>	09-08-03	Pending	
<p>The Clerk has sent a return-receipt letter to Roland McGlashan with an October 27<sup>th</sup> deadline for the removal of the trailer before the Town takes legal action.</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>The Board reviewed a letter from Albert Pratt regarding the status of the project to date. A copy of this letter is filed with the minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Pratt made it clear that the project will not have all its permits in place for 2003. Further, he said, to put it out to bid this late in the year would likely generate few bids, and those that we got would probably be high. We are more likely to get more of the project done with less money if the project is bid out in the winter for a 2004 build date.</p>				

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The Board requested that the Clerk write a response to Mr. Pratt about his comments on the Board's delay in paying Otter Creek's bills. In Mr. Pratt's letter he notes that the Town can delay payment of bills if the provider misses a deadline. The Selectmen understood that Otter Creek was late in getting essential drawings to the Town, and based their decision to hold payment based on that understanding. Once the drawings were at the Town Office, all the outstanding bills were paid.

Mr. Pratt suggested that the Town apply for more grants because the existing grant funds are less than the cost estimated for completing the proposed project. The Board reiterated their long-held stance that no additional grant money be applied for until the current grant funds are spent.

The Board agreed that it is worth the \$700 to transport the State's surplus granite curbing to Ripton, so it is on hand for the project.

### Roads—Old Business

03-10-Roads-a	<b>State Grants</b>	05-26-03	Ongoing	
	<p>Mr. Wimett will double check to make sure that all the areas that needed it were in fact seeded and fertilized and limed.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett will also make sure that the hay bales in all the new ditches are double staked.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett will follow up on the paving that was to be done on the intersection of the Dugway Road and Lincoln Road. All the other paving has been done.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett still needs to meet with a blasting company about removing the boulders on the Lincoln Road edges.</p> <p>Mr. Ford asked if the State was still striping class 2 roads, and if so, would they do the Lincoln Road now that we have finished paving it? The Clerk will check this out.</p>			

03-08-Roads-a	<b>Miscellaneous Summer Work</b>	04-28-03	Ongoing	
	<p>Mr. Wimett has graded a portion of the Goshen Road, and will do the rest tomorrow. The Town had received further complaints about the condition of the road. One resident, Lisa Foley, told the Clerk that she would be at the meeting tonight to express her concerns about the condition of the road but she did not attend.</p> <p>The Town Office parking lot needs some work—there are many potholes and it needs to be graded. Mr. Wimett will attend to this soon.</p>			

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The VTrans “sign man” will be checking out the Lincoln Road for school safety signs on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will meet with him and report back to the Board.

Second ½ load of chloride for the roads pending.

Stop sign on the Baker Bridge and Robbins Cross Road have been repaired.

Mr. Wimett is working on the sand berms under the approach guardrails.

02-06-Roads-a	<b>Truck Traffic on Route 125</b>	03-25-02	Ongoing	TH
Nothing new from the Sheriff on this issue for this meeting.				

**Old Office—Old Business**

08-11-OldOf-a	<b>Old Office Rental</b>	08-11-03	Ongoing	Board
No formal proposal from Carol McKnight to rent the old office has been received, although she has indicated she is still interested.				
Chris Smith has started cleaning up the brush around the old office.				

William Ford

Ronald Wimett

Lauren Cox