

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTMENS MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
11-10-03	2003-21	7:35	9:45	11-24-03	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford, Ronald Wimett and Lauren Cox, Selectmen and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk.
Visitors:	None.
Minutes:	Minutes for 10-27-03 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	
Orders:	Orders for 11/14/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$26,907.22 and for General Fund \$30, 538.35.

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Zoning—Old Business

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03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
	<p>The Clerk met with Ellen Fallon and Ren Barlow regarding the Town's trail at the north end of the Pearl Lee Road. The conclusion of the lawyers was that the Town should simply use the trail since it is obvious where it goes. There is no need to have it surveyed, although the Town can do so if it want to. As long as the Campbells are aware that the Town's right-of-way exists, there should be no problem.</p> <p>Ren Barlow suggested that the Town make sure that the Town followed all the steps required when it changed the northern portion of the Pearl Lee from a class 4 road to a trail. He said that if we had not, the trail would still be a class 4 Town road. This would not alter the Town's responsibility to work on the road, since the Town's class 4 road policy designates which portion of which roads are to be maintained.</p> <p>The Town may need a trails policy to guide what work is to be done on the trail, and what use it can be put to.</p> <p>Campbell is planning what appears to be a large logging job. His forester has spoken with abutters to warn them. Bonnie Clark expressed her concern about the possible damage that might be done to the road. The Board requested that the Clerk photo-document the trail portion of the Pearl Lee Road before the Campbells start their proposed logging project. The Clerk will also try to get the State highway mappers to locate the trail properly on the official Town Road map.</p> <p>It was noted that an item in "Opinions" from the Secretary of State states that a Town does not lose its right-of-way over a road even if the road is not used for many years. There is no loss of rights or acquisition by adverse possession.</p>			

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The Board also noted that there is some Recreation Trails Grant funding available which could be used to do work on the trail. The Clerk will look into applying for some of this grant money.

03-17-Zone-a	McGlashan Trailer	09-08-03	Pending	
<p>The Clerk reported that he has spoken with Roland McGlashan who told him that Tim Armell will be demolishing the trailer within the next two weeks. The Board was willing to let this be the solution to the problems, so long as Mr. McGlashan was aware that the two-week clock started to run a week ago.</p>				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>Mr. Ford signed a letter to Albert Pratt regarding his comment in writing to the Town's delay in paying Otter Creek Engineering. A copy of this letter is filed with these minutes.</p> <p>The granite is set to be delivered within the next week. A local trucker is going to haul it, since his price was the lowest, and the Town had to get three prices for the cost to be reimbursed by the grant.</p> <p>The Board noted in the Project Manager's memo that Frank Wolf continues to push for burying of the power lines around the project. The Board made it clear that Ms. Joseph was correct in not allowing additional grant funding or Town match to be used to work up figures to get a cost to bury these lines. They said that if he had problems with this decision he was to take it up with the Selectmen or raise the matter at Town Meeting.</p> <p>The Board would like a memo to be circulated when the project is complete which summarizes the problems with the grant process, with copies going to VTRANS, and local senators and representatives.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>Mr. Wimett is talking with Hastings about paving the intersection of the Dugway Road and Lincoln Road. If they cannot get to it soon, the best plan will be to put it off until next year.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett is still trying to meet with a blasting company about removing the boulders on the Lincoln Road edges.</p> <p>The Clerk has spoken with Dick Hosking, who said that if the weather allows they will try to stripe the Lincoln Road.</p>				

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The Clerk has spoken with L & D Line Striping about painting the lines on Peddler Bridge Road. They said it is very late in the season, but they will try. If they cannot get to it this year, they will put us on their list for 2004.

Steve Sherill (State sign expert) noted in his letter outlining the signs needed for the School area that he was impressed with the ditching work done on the Lincoln Road and the Goshen Road. The Clerk reported that Barbara King said that she was impressed with the seeding and erosion protection that had been done on the Lincoln Road this year.

Mr. Ford said that he would like to budget on a yearly basis enough money to bring sections of Town Road up to specifications, particularly since we now have some cost figures to use to generate budget numbers.

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

Old Office—Old Business

08-11-OldOf-a	Old Office Rental	08-11-03	Ongoing	Board
Nothing new on rental of old office				

William Ford

Ronald Wimett

Laureen Cox