

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTMENS MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
11-24-03	2003-22	7:35	8:55	12-8-03	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford and Lauren Cox, Selectmen and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk.
Visitors:	None.
Minutes:	Minutes for 11-14-03 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	Agreed to allow the North Branch School to rent the Community House for a year-end party with the understanding that if they do not properly supervise the students and damage is done to the building, this Board will never agree to rent to them again.
Orders:	<p>Orders for 11/24/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$1,004.90 and for General Fund \$607,452.32. This includes a \$600,000 payment to the Ripton School.</p> <p>The Board agreed to allow the Treasurer to pay the residual amount owed to the School before the next meeting (the amount to appear on the 12-8-03 orders) once the exact amount has been calculated. This amount should be in about \$114,000.</p>

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Zoning—Old Business

03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
<p>The Clerk has checked the procedure that the Town used to change the northern portion of the Pearl Lee from a class 4 road to a trail. There does not seem to be a record that we were in contact with Lincoln about the change, so there may be some doubt that the road is in fact a trail. If it is not a trail, it is a Class 4 road. The Clerk will contact Mr. Barlow to get his legal opinion on this matter.</p> <p>The Board requested that the Clerk research language on a trails policy.</p> <p>The Clerk spent some time taking pictures of the trail. The photos are in place—he will make an album of photos for the record. There are areas of the trail that have been damaged by vehicular traffic, most of which seems to have come from the Lincoln side, originating from one of the logging roads that transects the trail. The photos clearly show this damage. Campbell's forester had felled some trees across this logging road to discourage this activity.</p> <p>The Clerk has spoken with Warren King about getting a GPS record of the trail to submit to the State highway mappers so they can correct the trail location on the official Town Road map.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he spoke with Mr. Campbell's forester when he was taking photos of the trail. The forester will come in to the Town office to ask for a road-cut permit for any work that they want</p>				

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to do that affects the trail. The Board discussed what would be permitted to Poritz or Campbell regarding the use of the Town trail, and concluded that they would not look kindly on any upgrading of any portion of the trail at all.

The forester said that they do plan a logging job this winter, but they do not plan to do any skidding on the trail until it has frozen solid.

The Clerk is looking into applying for Recreation Trails Grant funding.

03-17-Zone-a	McGlashan Trailer	09-08-03	Pending	
<p>Roland McGlashan's trailer has been mostly demolished. All that is left is some scrap metal and the undercarriage. The Clerk will monitor the progress of the demolition and report back to the Board at the next meeting.</p>				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>Melvin Codding still plans to get the granite later after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>The Board is considering experimenting with turning off some of the streetlights, as requested by the Conservation Commission and endorsed by most of the landowners. The Board will make a decision whether or not to experiment with turning off these lights at a later meeting.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>Mr. Wimett has given up trying to pave the intersection of the Dugway Road and Lincoln Road. The Clerk will write to Chris Smith saying that due to an oversight this was not done, but the Town will do it in 2004.</p> <p>The Board signed a contract to blast the large boulders on the side of the Road. This project will be done soon.</p> <p>It is unlikely that any line striping can be done this year due to the wet and cold.</p>				

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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

Lauren Cox