

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
12-08-03	2003-23	7:35	9:05	122-03	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford, Ronald Wimett and Lauren Cox, Selectmen and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk.
Visitors:	Warren King (Planning Commission and Conservation Commission) and Kevin Jackson (Road work contractor).
Minutes:	Minutes for 11-28-03 were reviewed; to be signed at the next meeting.
Approval Actions:	Appointed Ned Horning to the Conservation Commission. Board requested copies of the Conservation Commission minutes to be mailed to them as they are released. The Board expressed little interest in hosting a website with a link to the Coffee House. Mr. Ruane will probably attend the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this issue.
Orders:	Orders for 12/08/03 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$8,851.44 and for General Fund \$3,945.83.

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Zoning—Old Business

03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
<p>Mr. Poritz had Masterson's trucking haul gravel up the Pearl Lee Road for four days last week. Some damage was done to the class 4 portion of the road. Parts of the road had fairly serious rutting. This rutting cannot be fixed by grading since there is minimal gravel base to work with. A water bar was removed. A culvert was crushed, and then filled in with stone, which will freeze and cause water damage this spring. Mr. Ford suggested that this culvert be replaced in the next few days to avoid spring damage. Masterson was hauling gravel to the logging road that parallels the trail. It does not appear that any gravel was placed on the trail itself. This project is part of the preparation for a logging job on Campbell's land—Campbell has to cross Poritz's land to get to his.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that he heard about the hauling of gravel from someone who lives on the road. By the time he knew about the project, Masterson was done. Kevin Jackson took photos documenting the damage. No one from the Town has been in contact with Mr. Poritz about this.</p> <p>The Board discussed what action it should take. Ms. Cox said that the Town has pursued road-damage issues in the past—when the College added white stone to the Wagon Wheel, and when the National Forest built a driveway that dumped water onto the North Branch.</p>				

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The Board voted to make both Masterson and Poritz aware that the Town is unhappy with the way the project was done, and that permits may be required for some aspects of the job, particularly if the logging road is going to cross the Town's trail.

Note that Masterson had no overweight permits on file with the Town. The Clerk will write to Masterson to acquaint them with the fact that the Town has no permits from them on file.

Ren Barlow, one of the Town's attorneys, said that in his legal opinion, the Town's process to classify the northern portion of the Pearl Lee road as a trail was consistent with State law.

The Clerk is still working (with Warren King) on language for a trails policy. Mr. King said that trails language can limit the use of the trail if that is the direction the Selectmen want to go in.

The Lincoln Selectmen have classified their end of the Pearl Lee Road as a trail. The Town will coordinate with Lincoln to submit maps of the Pearl Lee road so that the State highway mappers will hear from two towns at more or less the same time about correcting the trail location on the official town road maps.

The Clerk plans to submit an application for Recreation Trails Grant funding.

03-17-Zone-a	McGlashan Trailer	09-08-03	12-08-03	
Roland McGlashan's trailer has been completely removed.				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>The granite has been delivered.</p> <p>The Board agreed to have the island plantings done by community members, if they are willing, so long as the plan is submitted to the Selectmen before the plantings are done.</p> <p>The Board voted to leave the streetlights as they are. The Board will consider relocation or shielding on a case-by-case basis if requested to do so by the affected landowners.</p> <p>The Board voted to retain its right-of-way along the Natural Turnpike rather than transfer it to VTrans. They also voted their preference for Carter/Armstrong and Grip to deed rights-of-way to the Town, should they choose a deeded right-of-way, rather than to VTRANS. This will give VTRANS the access they need while re-</p>				

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taining the Town's right-of-way.

Roads—Old Business

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>Mr. Ford will call David Marshall PE to see if he will be willing to continue as the Town's engineer.</p> <p>The intersection of the Dugway Road and Lincoln Road has been paved after all.</p> <p>Blasting is complete. Mr. Wimett acknowledged that some of the stone left by the blasting is too close to the road, and in some cases the stone is blocking water-flow in the ditches. The stone will be removed soon.</p> <p>Line striping—to next year.</p>				

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.				

Town Buildings—Old Business

08-11-OldOf-a	Old Office Rental	08-11-03	Ongoing	Board
The Town has not heard from Carol McKnight about renting the old office. Ms. Cox said that the Town ought to advertise that the building is for rent if we do not hear from her soon.				

12-08-Chse-a	Community House	12-08-03	Ongoing	
<p>The furnace was serviced, then failed. MacIntyre returned to service it again, started it, only to have it fail again. It is running now. The renters who discovered that the furnace off will have their rental fee returned to them to compensate for the fact that the building was only 50 degrees. The furnace has been working since, and the light alarm is in place and seems to be working.</p> <p>The Board reviewed a change to the Community House Contract that reinforces the need to apply for permission to serve alcohol in time for the Selectmen to approve it.</p> <p>The Board was not interested in trying to permit the building of a shed to store the Coffee House Stage as requested by Richard Ruane of the Coffee House Committee. .</p>				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett