

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTMENS MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
01-26-04	2004-02	7:35	9:55	01-26-04	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford, Ronald Wimett and Lauren Cox, Selectmen and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk.
Visitors:	Jeremy Grip, Ripton's Regional Planning Delegate, was present to talk about having the Town become a party to declaring all bodies of water in the Green Mountain National Forest an "outstanding resource." Kevin Jackson also attended the meeting.
Minutes:	Minutes for 01-12-04 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	<p>Appointed George Phinney as a new member of the Planning Commission.</p> <p>Noted that Dog Warden Jeremie Matrishon has dealt with a dog that was wild and that ended up biting Chris Smith. Tissue from the dog has been sent to the State lab for testing.</p> <p>Approved a preliminary trails grant application.</p> <p>Approved the annual liquor licenses for the Chipman Inn and the Ripton Store.</p> <p>Signed the Warning for the 2004 Town Meeting.</p>
Orders:	Orders for 01/26/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$3,812.50, and for General Fund: \$3,582.97.

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04-12-SW-a	Solid Waste District Bond Vote	01-12-04		
The Clerk noted that he will make mention of the Solid Waste bond vote in the Town Report.				

04-01-Tnrep-a	Town Report	01-12-04	Th/Board	
<p>The Clerk said that the Town books were audited on January 15th 2004 by Angelano and Co. There were no reportable findings. The Town is now required to keep track of its fixed assets, and the Clerk has drafted a policy to guide this tracking for the Board's review. The Clerk will forward the policy to Angelano and Co. to see if it meets the new Federal Standards before the Selectmen rule on it.</p> <p>The Town office continues to work on the Town Report. There are no concerns about meeting the February 21, 2004 mailing deadline.</p> <p>The Board continued to review the budget, and made final decisions so that the Warning could be signed.</p> <p>The Board signed the Warning for 2004.</p>				

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Zoning—Old Business

03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
<p>There has been no response to the letter to Mr. Poritz. The Clerk will send the letter out again, with return receipt requested.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Masterson Contracting sent an application for a 2003 overweight permit without the required fee. The application was returned to them.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett will call A. Johnson about the large logging trucks on the Pearl Lee, and will ask them to use a traffic cone with a sign on it placed in the middle of the road as the trucker goes up to retrieve a load, and then taken up as the trucker leaves. Once he has done this, the Clerk will let the Morses know of the plan.</p>				

03-24-Trails-a	Pearl Lee Trail	12-22-03		
<p>The Clerk has done a little more work on the ordinance, particularly working on the several additional definitions that need to be developed. He has spoken with the law branch of VLCT who have been of some help, but the aspects that require definitions are not available in a cookbook way and we will have to come up with them ourselves. VLCT would like to see the ordinance once it is fully drafted.</p> <p>The Board asked if Warren King could check to see what Lincoln is working on by way of an ordinance or trails policy. The Town is willing to share what we have, but it might be nice to see what they are working on.</p> <p>The ordinance continues to need more discussion.</p> <p>Nothing new on the plan to have the Towns of Lincoln and Ripton submit maps of the Pearl Lee trail to the State highway mappers.</p> <p>The Chair signed an approval for the Recreation Trails Grant. The application is nearly ready to be sent, but we have been told that the grant is very competitive this year.</p>				

03-23-Cons-a	Conservation Commission	12-08-03	Resolved	
<p>The Board has received all the back minutes from the Conservation Commission.</p>				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>Nothing new on the status of the grant for this meeting. Mr. Ford has received a copy of the contract with Otter Creek Engineering and is reviewing it.</p>				

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Roads—Old Business

03-24-Roads-a	National Forest Roads	12-22-03	Ongoing	TH
<p>The Clerk has received a message from the National Forest about their plans for gating the Natural Turnpike. They have given the Town a key for safety and fire access, and they will give a key to selected landowners. As to the specific landowner in this case, Mr. Barrows, there is no clear indication that he will get one. Mr. Wimett said that he thought that any landowner who wants a key should have one.</p>				

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>Mr. Ford has spoken with David Marshall PE. David is trying to work with the rivers specialist Nicholson to see if there is a way to permit a relief culvert for the Peddler’s Bridge location.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that he has not been able to remove any more of the stone left by the blasting—it has been too cold. He will get to it as soon as he can.</p> <p>The Clerk is working on submitting the bills for this project to the State.</p>				

Town Buildings—Old Business

08-11-OldOf-a	Old Office Rental	08-11-03	Ongoing	Board
<p>No response from Carol McKnight about the possibility of her renting or buying the old office.</p> <p>The Board went into executive discussion to discuss Bill Benton’s appraisal of the Old Office.</p>				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett