

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
02-23-04	2004-04	7:35	8:45	03-08-04	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford, Ronald Wimett and Lauren Cox, Selectmen, and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk.
Visitors:	None
Minutes:	Minutes for 02-09-04 were reviewed; to be signed at the next meeting.
Approval Actions:	Approved “blanket approval” for Middlebury College events at Breadloaf.
Orders:	Orders for 02/23/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$3,430.00, and for General Fund: \$3,881.76.

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04-01-Tnrep-a	Town Report	01-12-04	Th/Board	
The Town Report is mailed. The Clerk was told by Angolano and Co. that it is not required to publish their entire Audit Report.				

Zoning—Old Business

03-06-Zone-a	Poritz Subdivision	03-24-03	Pending	
No response from Mr. Poritz.				
Masterson Contracting requested and received an overweight permit—fee paid.				
Mr. Wimett said that he has spoken with some of the loggers on this job. The project is winding down. and should not be an issue sson. There have been no further complaints from landowners.				

03-24-Trails-a	Pearl Lee Trail	12-22-03		
Nothing on this issue for this meeting. To be worked on after Town Meeting. The Clerk said that Warren King has spoken with his contacts in Lincoln about their own trails policy and mapping, but he has not heard back yet.				
No word on the Recreation Trails Grant.				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
The Board discussed the new issues regarding the donation of land required for the project versus selling it. This process may slow down the start date of the project. The discussion on this matter was brief.				

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Roads—Old Business

03-24-Roads-a	National Forest Roads	12-22-03	Ongoing	TH
<p>The Clerk reported that the District Ranger Steve Kimball is insistent that they will not give out keys to landowners who do not have year-round residences beyond the gates. He explained it as a matter of safety—having cars and trucks on the same road a snow-machines and skiers. He agreed to consider allowing individuals with a specific purpose to travel to their land to get a key on an as-needed basis.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that he has a concern that the VAST trail crosses the Lincoln Road near the Norton Bridge Road, and draws snow out onto the road, creating a large packed snow bank in the road. The snow machines then drive across the Norton Bridge and up the Norton Road until it turns to a National Forest road. The Town has never given permission to open this road to VAST.</p>				

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Clerk has spoken with Dick Hosking who has agreed to have the Town use the funds that were set aside for the Peddler’s Bridge culvert for the culvert that carries the Cook Brook under the Natural Turnpike just below the Cook Cemetery. We need engineering and approval from ANR (Stream Alteration, Fred Nicholson) before the revised application can be accepted.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett is still working on removing the stone left by the blasting.</p> <p>The Clerk has submitted the bills for last year’s Class 2 Road Project. Payment should be issued within a month or so.</p>				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett