

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTMENS MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
03-22-04	2004-06	7:35	9:50	04-12-04	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford and Lauren Cox, Selectmen, and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk
Visitors:	Richard Ruane
Minutes:	Minutes for 03-08-04 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	<p>The Board voted to appoint Steven Zwicky as Solid Waste District Delegate, With Tim Hanson as alternate. The Board noted that Steve has been a very faithful attendee at the Solid Waste District meetings—a very solid representative for the Town.</p> <p>Decided to work towards removing the wooden dumpster outside the Town office, and making the tenant responsible for their own trash. The Community House Renters are already required to take their own trash with them, and the wooden dumpster is a rodent magnet.</p>
Orders:	Orders for 03/22/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$4,355.00, and for General Fund: \$6,465.78.

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Web Site—New Business

03-22-Web-a	Web Site	03-22-04		
<p>Mr. Richard Ruane attended the meeting to discuss creating a website for the Town of Ripton. As the driving force behind the Ripton Coffee House, Mr. Ruane is planning to have a website for that organization. There is excess 'space' on the site, so he proposes to have the Town and the Coffee House together, with the Coffee House as a link from the Town. He said that he would start it up and would be willing to maintain it. The Selectmen's minutes and other current matters could be part of the website, and it might be a way to disseminate the Town Report at least to some people on the mailing list.</p> <p>Questions raised by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who would have authority to release content to the website? This would probably be the Clerk, but would have to be determined. • What would the domain name be? (Riptonvt.org). • Would personal information, such as phone numbers, be on the web page? Some might not like to have this information out in cyberspace. Mr. Ruane said that this information does not have to be listed. <p>Mr. Ford emphasized that there are no Town budget funds for this project, even for the time required for content to be given to Mr. Ruane for inclusion in the web site. Ms. Cox said that the time to e-mail a copy of the minutes, for example, would be trivial. Mr. Ford said that to mail copies would take longer than to e-mail.</p>				

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<p>Mr. Ruane will prepare a sample web page for the Board's review. After this discussion, Mr. Ruane left the meeting.</p>
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Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	Pearl Lee Trail	12-22-03		
<p>Nothing new on this issue for this meeting. No news on the Recreation Trails Grant application.</p>				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>The Project Manager's report (included with the minutes) states that the deeds have been okayed; the final survey has been delivered; and the final Planning Commission hearing will be on March 30th. After the hearing, we will need to wait for two Federal permits, and a State ROW permit. Once those permits are issued, the project may go out to bid.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

04-05-Roads-a	Summer Work Plan	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
<p>Mr. Wimettt was not present at this meeting, but had told the Clerk that he would have a 2004 summer work plan at the next meeting.</p>				

04-05-Roads-b	Gravel Roads Condition/Posting	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
<p>The Clerk still needs to check with VLCT whether or not the Town loses some legal rights if the roads are damaged by an overweight truck and the roads are not posted.</p>				

04-05-Roads-c	Power Line Burying Proposal	03-08-04	Ongoing	
<p>The proposal from Tim Allen to bury a power line in the Town's right-of-way pending results from Verizon was discussed.</p> <p>The Clerk spoke with Verizon's right-of-way manager. She said that it is possible that Verizon placed several power poles in the Town's right-of-way last year without the Town's permission. She will re-search the issue and get back to the Town in writing.</p>				

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Clerk has submitted a grant application for a culvert replacement on Natural Turnpike, and has been given informal approval for it by Dick Hosking, our District Transportation Advisor. No ANR river permit is required. However, 'fish access' must be provided, which can be done simply by having David Marshall design the culvert to allow for a natural bottom to develop.</p>				

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The stone left by the blasting has all been removed.
Class 2 Grant payment has been received.

Town Buildings—Old Business

04-05-Bldg-a	Sale of Old Office	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
The Clerk has spoken with a few of the people who have expressed interest in the old Office. A more formal sale process is pending.				

Humane Society Contract—New Business

04-06-Dogs-a	Humane Society Contract	03-22-04	Ongoing	TH
The Humane Society clarified that they will house rabid dogs (with some conditions) so the Board approved signing the contract.				

ACTR Proposal—New Business

04-06-actr-a	ACTR Proposal	03-22-04	Ongoing	TH
Addison County Transit Resources proposes a new bus route to include a Ripton loop. The proposal was reviewed by the Board, and the general idea met with their support. The Clerk will draft a general letter of support to ACTR.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox