

## TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTMENS MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
04-26-04	2004-08	7:35	10:00	05-12-04	7:30pm

<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Ronald Wimett and Lauren Cox, Selectmen, and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk
<b>Visitors:</b>	Tim Price and Tom Barden to discuss the Fire Station project. Rosalyn Chirnoff and Timothy Johnston to discuss their phone line.
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 03-22-04 were signed; minutes of 04-12-04 were reviewed and signed.
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	Reminder that the annual meeting with “State Road Man” Richard Hosking DTA will be April 28, 2004 at 8 a.m.  The Clerk will continue to follow up on the trailers located on George Kirchoff’s land. The Planning Commission says that there is no authority in the Zoning regulations to deal with this matter. There is the issue of the temporary road cut permit that Mr. Kirchoff was issued.
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 04/26/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$6,037.50, and for General Fund: \$11,432.41.

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### Fire Station—Old Business

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04-07-Fire-a	<b>Fire Station</b>	04-12-04		TH & Board
	<p>The Selectmen interviewed Tom Barden for the position of project manager for the Fire Station construction project. At the end of the discussion, the Board agreed to have Mr. Barden prepare a proposal and a scope of work for his services as a project manager for their review.</p> <p>As part of the process, Mr. Ford shared with the meeting a description of the project and the phases of the project (copy attached with these minutes).</p> <p>Mr. Barden was specifically authorized to produce an estimate for the total project (including the cost for his time) for presentation at the next meeting. He will work with Tim Price (who was present at the meeting in his capacity as Fire Department liaison), and coordinate with Phelps Engineering, Adams Electric, and Ryan’s Plumbing and Heating to get the data he needs for the estimate.</p> <p>Mr. Barden will also generate a scope of work for his proposed efforts on the part of the Town and Fire Department.</p> <p>The Board said that it is comfortable with a series of negotiated bids for the four components of the project, so long as the total project falls within the budget.</p>			

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Tim Price concurred with the process and agreed to continue to be the project supervisor from the Fire Department's side. The Clerk will get documentation from the Fire Department that Mr. Price can speak for the Department in this matter.

At this point, Mr. Barden and Mr. Price left the meeting.

### Phone Line in Norton Farm Road—New Business

04-08-Phone-a	<b>Phone Line in Norton Farm Road</b>	04-26-04		
<p>Rosalyn Chirnoff and Timothy Johnston attended the meeting to discuss their phone line. Service to Ms. Chirnoff's house is no longer working, and they thought that work done by the Town might be responsible for the damage. They noted that there were tire tracks perpendicular to the traveled portion of the road near the blasted rock just past the Norton Bridge, and phone wires were strewn around the loose rock.</p> <p>Mr. Ford and Clerk Hanson inspected the site before the meeting and noted that the likely path of the wire would not have passed near the blasted rock area.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that he had done no work in that part of town for many weeks. The Clerk said that he had checked the bills, and no work was billed for that area for at least six weeks, and the phone just went out a few days ago. Mr. Wimett said that he had seen someone with a small four-wheel-drive tractor driving about that area, but did not know who it was. It is also possible that the National Forest may have been doing some work in the area, clearing up the snowmobile trail after the winter. It is also possible the VAST had done some work in the area. The Clerk provided names and telephone numbers for the National Forest and VAST to Mr. Johnston.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that the yellow wire that Mr. Johnston brought in looks like the blasting wire that was used last fall. Ms. Cox said that she has noticed that type of wire at other blasting sites in Town.</p> <p>Mr. Johnston said that he would try to trace the fault and see if he can locate it. He will report back to the Town later. At that point both he and Ms. Chirnoff left the meeting.</p>				

### Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	<b>Pearl Lee Trail</b>	12-22-03		
<p>The Clerk has spoken with Mr. King, who has not heard back from Lincoln on the Pearl Lee Trail issue. He said that he will speak with his contact on the Lincoln Selectboard to see if there has been any movement on the issue. The Ripton Board agreed that if they did not hear from Lincoln soon they would proceed on their own to work on</p>				

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a trails use ordinance and set up a meeting with the State mappers to redraw the location of the road.

### Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	<b>Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant</b>	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>The Project Manager’s report (included with the minutes) states that everything is in the hands of VTRANS awaiting final approval for the project to go out to bid.</p> <p>The Federal sole-source purchase and installation of the bridge was rejected, but the State determined that they could use their own Enhancement project funds to pay for the sole-source purchase, so at least that matter is settled.</p>				

### Roads—New Business

04-24-Roads-a	<b>Dig Safe</b>	04-24-04	RW/TH	
<p>The Board voted to have the Road Commissioner call the Clerk at least 72 hours before he does any ditching or culvert work so the Clerk can contact Dig Safe.</p>				

### Roads—New Business

04-24-Roads-b	<b>Road Striping</b>	04-24-04	TH	
<p>The Clerk has notified VTRANS that the Lincoln Road is ready for striping.</p> <p>The Clerk has left a message with L &amp; R striping about doing the small line-striping job on the first portion of the Natural Turnpike-Peddler’s Bridge intersection.</p>				

### Roads—Old Business

04-07-Roads-a	<b>Bury Wire Request from Recupero</b>	04-12-04	Resolved	
<p>Mr. Wimett said that this project is proceeding. The electrician doing the project is going to make sure that the location of the wires is documented and will file an ‘as built’ drawing with the Town.</p> <p>The Clerk is planning to work with Regional Planning to have a map of power lines and phone lines that are in the Town’s right-of-way.</p>				

04-07-Roads-b	<b>Frost Road Culvert</b>	04-12-04	Resolved	
<p>Mr. Wimett has repaired the culvert on Frost Road.</p>				

04-05-Roads-b	<b>Gravel Roads Condition/Posting</b>	03-08-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
<p>The Clerk spoke with VLCT about posting roads. They said that the Town could not prosecute anyone damaging a gravel road unless the road was legally posted. Further, the Town is obligated to submit a list of bridges and roads that have a specific weight limit by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year if those specific weight limits are to be enforceable. The</p>				

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Clerk will do further research on this matter for the next meeting.

04-05-Roads-c	<b>Power Line Burying Proposal</b>	03-08-04	Ongoing	
<p>Tim Allen will move the pole so that it is on his land. This means that he will not have to cross the Town's right-of-way with a buried cable.</p> <p>The Board reviewed a letter from Karen Farnham, Verizon's right-of-way manager. She made several points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has included symbol keys and will make the maps clearer by differentiating new work from old work, and by providing a locus map.</li> <li>• She said that it is very difficult to catch the Road Commissioner, and requested that the Town assist Verizon in finding him. The Board requested that the Clerk write to her pointing out that he has no office, and that any contact of the Road Commissioner should be done through the Town Clerk's Office. See letter included with these minutes.</li> </ul>				

03-10-Roads-a	<b>State Grants</b>	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Clerk said that he spoke with David Marshall, who said he will have a final design of the Natural Turnpike culvert, and bid documents in the next few weeks. Mr. Marshall noted that he is aware of quite a few smaller contractors that are looking for small jobs like this one.</p>				

### Town Buildings—Old Business

04-05-Bldg-a	<b>Sale of Old Office</b>	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
<p>The Board reviewed and approved language for the sale of the property. The plan is to advertise in the local media, and to accept bids over a set minimum. Those who have expressed interest in the old Office will get a direct mailing.</p>				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett