

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
05-10-04	2004-09	7:35	9:30	05-24-04	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford and Lauren Cox, Selectmen, and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk
Visitors:	None
Minutes:	Minutes for 04-26-04 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	
Orders:	Orders for 05/12/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$8,756.22, and for General Fund: \$5,567.56.

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Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04		TH & Board
<p>The Selectmen agreed to hire Tom Barden for the position of project manager for the Fire Station construction project, and William Ford signed the contract to that effect for the Selectmen. Mr. Ford expressed his concern that the involved parties (Tim Price for the Fire Department Building Committee and Tim Hanson as the grant manager) get all information to Mr. Barden in a timely manner so he can proceed with his work, and that if there are any questions regarding the project that Tim Price or Tim Hanson call him so that they can get them resolved.</p>				

Phone Line in Norton Farm Road—Old Business

04-08-Phone-a	Phone Line in Norton Farm Road	04-26-04	Resolved	
<p>Rosalyn Chirnoff sent a note to the Town saying that she had called Verizon and they had fixed her phone. She thanked the Board for its help with the matter.</p> <p>This matter is resolved.</p>				

Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	Pearl Lee Trail	12-22-03		
<p>The Clerk reported that he has heard nothing new from Mr. King, who has been trying to get a response from Lincoln on the Pearl Lee Trail.</p> <p>The Board asked the Clerk to rework the draft ordinance and start the process of contacting the VTRANS mappers about relocating the road on their maps. Perhaps if the Ripton proceeds independently there will be a response from Lincoln.</p>				

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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 final bid documents have been with VTRANS since April 19th. Final approval is still pending.</p> <p>The Board had some questions about the purchase of the foot bridge and asked the Clerk to speak with Ms. Joseph to clarify the matter for the next meeting. If the matter needed to be expedited, the Board could convene to make a decision before the next scheduled meeting.</p>				

Roads—New Business

04-09-Roads-a	Miscellaneous Summer Work	05-12-04	TH/RW	
<p>The Board requested that any old steel culverts that have been removed during culvert work be removed from the side of the road.</p> <p>The Clerk wondered if there were locations along the edges of Town roads for the ditching spoil to go, rather than have it trucked to private property. There may be areas that need to be widened that could benefit from the spoil.</p> <p>The Clerk wondered if it would be more efficient to have the right-of-way brush chipped rather than hauled and burned, particularly since there were some complaints last year about the smoke that the burning generated.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

04-24-Roads-b	Road Striping	04-24-04	TH	
<p>The Clerk has notified VTRANS that the Lincoln Road is ready for striping.</p> <p>The Clerk has not hear from L & D striping about the line-striping job on the Natural Turnpike-Peddler's Bridge intersection. He will call again.</p>				

04-07-Roads-a	Bury Wire Request from Recuperero	04-12-04	Resolved	
Pending photos and drawings on the location of the buried lines.				

04-07-Roads-b	Mapping of Road Conditions	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
<p>The Clerk has spoken with Mr. Wimett about driving the roads with him to locate all the buried lines (power and phone) that he is aware of. This data will be transmitted to Kevin Behm at Regional Planning so he can map these locations on his GIS system.</p> <p>The Board requested that the gravel spread this year be mapped as well.</p>				

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04-05-Roads-b	Gravel Roads Condition/Posting	03-08-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
The Clerk is still working on a Road Posting memo for the Selectmen based on the information he received from VLCT and from a review of the statutes.				

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
No plans forthcoming from David Marshall on the Natural Turnpike culvert. The Clerk will contact him again to see what the hold-up is.				

Town Buildings—Old Business

04-05-Bldg-a	Sale of Old Office	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
<p>The Clerk reported that there is no way that a Town transfers property with a Warranty Deed, according to Ren Barlow at Langrock and Sperry. The deed covenants seem to be non-binding to the Town, so Mr. Barlow sees no impediment to the sale.</p> <p>The Clerk will now proceed with the plan as adopted at the last meeting, with the deadlines obviously moved forward to accommodate the delay in getting the information regarding the nature of the deed and the deed covenants.</p>				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett