

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
06-14-04	2004-11	7:35	8:50	06-28-04	7:30pm

Attendees:	Laureen Cox and Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk
Visitors:	None
Minutes:	Minutes for 05-24-04 were reviewed; to be signed at the next meeting.
Approval Actions:	The Clerk said that tax sales have been initiated on two properties, one owned by David and Melissa Manning and another owned by James Thompson. Appointed Jay Harrington to be Addison County Solid Waste Management District alternative delegate. Reviewed thank-you letter from ACTR for the Board's support of the proposed bus route through Ripton.
Orders:	Orders for 06/14/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$12,889.20, and for General Fund: \$9,286.56.

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Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04		TH & Bd
Tom Barden was to attend this meeting with an estimate for the project, but was not able to get firm numbers for the electrical, plumbing, or steel building costs (this cost may be quite a lot higher than originally estimated since the cost of steel has gone up so much). He will come to the next meeting with his estimate.				

Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	Pearl Lee Trail	12-22-03		
Nothing new on the Pearl Lee Trail. No action on the reworked draft of the trails ordinance.				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
The Project Manager's report (included with the minutes) states that the final documents have all been approved, and the project should be able to go out to bid soon.				

Roads—New Business

04-11-Roads-a	Road-work Insurance	06-14-04	TH/RW	
Mr. Wimett reported that his current insurance carrier will no longer cover him for contractor's liability for work that he does for the Town. The Clerk will look into having VLCT provide this aspect of coverage.				

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Roads—New Business

04-11-Roads-b	Road Signs	06-14-04	RW	
<p>Mr. Wimett said that he has installed all the signs that were pending, including the School District signs engineered by VTRANS.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the sign on Burnt Hill Road is missing again. The Clerk will order a new one.</p>				

04-10-Roads-a	Ditching	05-24-04	RW	
<p>Ditching still pending.</p> <p>The Board discussed using some of the ditching spoils for the pedestrian bridge component of the Enhancement Grant, specifically Jeremy Grip's new driveway and tree planting area. Mr. Wimett said that he had spoken with Jeremy about his plans and that they were in agreement about what was to be done. The project may require a culvert to get the water off the Town Road so that it no longer pools on the hill side of the road. Mr. Grip will need a fill permit, which he is looking into.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

04-09-Roads-a	Miscellaneous Summer Work	05-12-04	TH/RW	
<p>Mr. Wimett still needs to get the residual steel culverts off the side of the road. The Clerk will check to see if they can be taken to the transfer station for a reasonable cost.</p>				

04-08-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 called L & D striping several times, but has yet to be able to talk with a scheduler. He will try again.</p>				

04-07-Roads-b	Mapping of Road Conditions	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
<p>Nothing new on this issue for this meeting.</p>				

04-05-Roads-b	Gravel Roads Condition/Posting	03-08-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
<p>The Board reviewed a 'Road Posting' memo from the Clerk. The upshot is that roads need to be posted in the spring if the Town intends to prosecute for damage done to the roads in the spring by overweight vehicles.</p> <p>Regarding bridges that are posted to a specific weight, the Clerk will check with the State of Vermont bridge inspectors to see how weight limits are determined.</p>				

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03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
Nothing from David Marshall on the Natural Turnpike culvert.				

Town Buildings—Old Business

04-05-Bldg-a	Sale of Old Office	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
No bids were received. The Board will discuss their options at their next meeting.				

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett