

**TOWN OF RIPTON  
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start:</b>	<b>End:</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Next Time</b>
06-28-04	2004-12	7:40	10:40	07-12	7:30pm

<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Laureen Cox and Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk
<b>Visitors:</b>	Tom Barden, to discuss the Fire Station Project
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 05-10-04 and 05-24-04 were signed. Minutes for 06-14-04 were reviewed and signed.
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	<p>On a vote of 2-0, with one abstention, the Board appointed Ronald Wimett to be Road Commissioner for the next year.</p> <p>Approved lending the Ripton School District up to \$30,000 for a short term to cover their budget shortfall.</p> <p>Approved having Tim Hanson sign the award document for the Ripton Fire Station in re the award of the project to Champlain Construction.</p> <p>Signed documents opening a \$265,000 line-of-credit with the Chittenden Bank for the Fire Department Construction Project.</p>
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 06/24/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$880.00, and for General Fund: \$6,640.92.

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**High-Speed Internet—New Business**

04-12-HSInt-a	<b>High Speed Internet</b>	06-28-04		
<p>The Board reviewed a letter from Jeremy Grip and Paonia Ezrine-N'Shaiha about getting Board approval for a high-speed internet grant application. The Board was concerned that Paonia's letter refers to a commercial process, which makes it difficult for the Town to be involved. This matter needs to be clarified before the Board can make a recommendation. The Town was further concerned that the Town not be obligated to spend any money on this project, since there is no budget authority for such a project.</p>				

**Reappraisal—New Business**

04-12-List-a	<b>Reappraisal</b>	06-28-04		
<p>The Clerk reported that the change notices are to go out later this week or early next week. This means that the Board will not be able to set the tax rate at the first meeting in July, as is the custom, but will probably have to wait until second meeting in July. The Tax bills can be sent out soon after the rate is set.</p>				

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### Town Plan—New Business

04-12-Plan-a	<b>Town Plan</b>	06-28-04		TH & Bd
<p>The Planning Commission presented the Town Plan for the Selectmen’s consideration. The Board needs to have a public hearing on the Plan (after a 15 day warning period). The Clerk will research the approval process and report back to the Town next meeting.</p>				

### Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	<b>Fire Station</b>	04-12-04		TH & Bd
<p>Tom Barden attended the meeting to discuss the project. He presented the Board with an estimate for the project, but was not able to get firm numbers for the electrical, plumbing, or quarters, since he is still waiting for drawings of quarters. When he did an estimate with all of the items requested by Tim Price in his original plan, the budget was ‘busted’ by nearly \$100,000. Some of the items (such as a mezzanine) will have to be eliminated since there is not adequate funding.</p> <p>Some of the funding available for the quarters portion of the project is still in flux. There is about \$25,000 in contingency that may be freed up as the civil and building phases of the project are done.</p> <p>The Board discussed what Mr. Barden presented as a “shade and shelter” plan, which gets the land preparation done, the utilities hooked up, the steel building built, and basic plumbing, electrical, and heat in place. This phase would also include a partition between the truck bays and the quarters section. As money allows, the Board proposed to add a ceiling in quarters, and bathrooms. Other parts of the quarters would follow as money allows.</p> <p>The Board voted to accept the bid from Cameron on the steel building to avoid a cost increase of \$4,500.00 which will go into effect next week.</p>				

### Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	<b>Pearl Lee Trail</b>	12-22-03		
<p>Nothing new on the Pearl Lee Trail.</p> <p>Tabled discussion of the draft trails ordinance.</p>				

### 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 is out to bid. Close date is soon.</p>				

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### Roads—Old Business

04-11-Roads-b	<b>Road Signs</b>	06-14-04	RW	
<p>Mr. Ford requested that Mr. Wimett remove the frost heave signs.</p> <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 has ordered new Burnt Hill Road signs.</p>				

04-10-Roads-a	<b>Ditching</b>	05-24-04	RW	
<p>The Board discussed the water-flow problem at the intersection of Peddler Bridge Road and Natural Turnpike. Water tends to pool there, and needs to be taken off to the Middle Branch with a culvert that goes under the road. The Board discussed the possibility of having an engineer look at the project and make recommendations.</p> <p>General ditching still pending.</p>				

04-09-Roads-a	<b>Miscellaneous Summer Work</b>	05-12-04	TH/RW	
<p>The Clerk reported that metal culverts can be taken to the transfer station for \$1.00 a cubic yard. Mr. Wimett will take care of this.</p>				

04-08-Roads-b	<b>Road Striping</b>	04-24-04	TH	
<p>L &amp; D striping has promised to take care of the Peddler Bridge Road striping in the next few days.</p> <p>VTRANS still needs to stripe the Lincoln Road.</p>				

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

03-10-Roads-a	<b>State Grants</b>	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The Board reviewed a letter to David Marshall regarding work to be done on the Natural Turnpike culvert. A copy of this letter is filed with these minutes.</p>				

### Town Buildings—Old Business

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

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett