

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
07-12-04	2004-13	7:35	9:50	07-26-04	7:30pm

Attendees:	William Ford, Lauren Cox and Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Tim Hanson, Town Clerk
Visitors:	Eleanor Holsman (to discuss the Historic District) and Kevin Jackson.
Minutes:	Minutes for 06-26-04 were reviewed and signed.
Approval Actions:	
Orders:	Orders for 07/12/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$6,870.94, and for General Fund: \$6,276.07.

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Historic District—New Business

04-13-HDist-a	Historic District	07-12-04		
<p>Eleanor Holsman attended the meeting to express her concern over a decision made by the Historic District Commission regarding the metal roof Carol McKnight intended to put on her house. The material was acceptable to the Commission, but the color was not. Ms. Holsman said that this type of decision was too subjective. Further, she said that the Commission was not representative of the Town as a whole and needed to have some younger people on it, and people who actually live in the Historic District. The Board listened to her points, but as the Board has no authority over the Commission (other than to appoint members), the Board took no action on this issue.</p>				

High-Speed Internet—Old Business

04-12-HSInt-a	High Speed Internet	06-28-04		
<p>Nothing new on the high-speed internet grant application for this meeting.</p>				

Reappraisal—Old Business

04-12-List-a	Reappraisal	06-28-04		
<p>The change notices have been mailed. Grievances are due on July 16th. The Grand List has increased about 45%. There should be a Grand List for tax-rate purposes by July 22 or 23, but the State has to recalculate the School tax rate before the tax bill can be sent out. The Board decided that they would plan to set the tax rate at their meeting of August 9th.</p>				

Town Plan—Old Business

04-12-Plan-a	Town Plan	06-28-04		TH & Bd
<p>The Selectmen voted to have a public hearing on the Town Plan at the beginning of their second August meeting (August 23rd). The Clerk will warn this hearing.</p>				

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Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04		TH & Bd
The Clerk is still trying to get drawings of the station quarters to Tom Barden. He is working with Tim Price on this project.				

Zoning—Old Business

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

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
The bids are due Monday, July 19 th .				

Roads—Old Business

04-11-Roads-b	Road Signs	06-14-04	RW	
Frost heave signs have been removed.				
Mr. Wimett will install the new Burnt Hill Road signs.				
Mr. Ford noted that some road signs are obscured by brush. Mr. Wimett will take care of this.				

04-10-Roads-a	Ditching	05-24-04	RW	
The Clerk will speak with Phelps about having them look at the water flow at the intersection of Natural Turnpike and Peddler's bridge Road.				
General ditching has started. Most of the Goshen Road has been done, and the Lincoln Road is next.				
Chris Smith will seed and mulch the ditches as they are done.				

04-08-Roads-b	Road Striping	04-24-04	TH	
Striping on Peddler's Bridge Road and the Lincoln Road has been done.				

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

03-10-Roads-a	State Grants	05-26-03	Ongoing	
The Board will transfer its engineering work from David Marshall to Phelps Engineering, since there was no response from David Marshall to the letter from the Board.				

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Town Buildings—Old Business

04-05-Bldg-a	Sale of Old Office	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
The Board decided to put the Town Office out to bid again, since more than one person had expressed an interest in the structure since the close of bids last month. The Clerk will advertise the building and send letters to everyone who had expressed an interest before.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett