

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
08-23-04	2004-17	8:20	9:30	09-13-04	7:30p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford and Laureen Cox, Selectmen, Tim Hanson, Clerk, and Sally Hoyler, Assistant Town Clerk.				
Visitors:					
Minutes:	Minutes for 08-23-04 were reviewed; to be signed at the next meeting.				
Approval Actions:					
Orders:	Orders for 09/13/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$1,239.90 and for General Fund: \$4,708.21.				

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High-Speed Internet—Old Business

04-12-HSInt-a	High Speed Internet	06-28-04		
<p>The Board reviewed a memo from Alison Joseph regarding high-speed internet. She said that a grant application has been submitted to Agency of Commerce. If the grant is approved, the applicant (Town) would own the equipment, but maintenance would be the responsibility of the service provider. As more information comes in, the Board will be kept up to date.</p> <p>The Board wanted to reemphasize that they have not authorized expenditures of any Town funds for this project—there is no money in the budget for this project. The Board does not object to the process, but wants to make sure that they are involved in any decisions regarding expenditures before they are encumbered.</p>				

Reappraisal—Old Business

04-12-List-a	Reappraisal	06-28-04	9/13/04	
<p>The BCA heard the inspection Committee's report this evening. Other than the BCA appeal, the issue of reappraisal is closed for 2004.</p>				

Town Plan—Old Business

04-12-Plan-a	Town Plan	06-28-04		TH & Bd
<p>The hearing on the Town Plan will now be on the second meeting in September. It has been warned in the papers and posted.</p>				

Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04		TH & Bd
<p>The Clerk reported that Tom Barden has received a price for a wood framed building instead of the steel building. This cost is about \$80,000. Tom is still looking in to a cost for the concrete slab for the building.</p> <p>The Clerk has written to the State asking about the possibility of an extension. He has not heard back yet.</p>				

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Mr. Ford wanted to make sure that VLCT was aware that there is a developed site so that it is insured. He also wanted to make sure that there was a lock on the valve in the School so that no one could inadvertently turn on the water to the Fire Station

Orders for work to date have been presented, examined and signed.

Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	Pearl Lee Trail	12-22-03		
<p>The Board will review the Trails Ordinance at the next meeting, if time allows. The Clerk will speak with Warren King to see if he has heard anything from Lincoln on their progress to date on their end of the trail.</p>				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>The low bidder had been determined. A 'go-ahead' letter from the State of Vermont has not arrived yet, so work cannot commence until that is in hand. This letter is expected soon.</p> <p>The Board wanted to make sure that Belden provides a firm quote to place the bridge on the abutments that the primary contractor places.</p> <p>A good number of loads of fill from the Fire Station project have been dropped off at Jeremy Grip's house. This fill is to be used to create his new driveway, as well as alter the edge of his land to allow him to plant trees between his land and the road, to provide privacy. Mr. Wimett suggested that the Town send him a copy of the Town road specifications, so he knows how the edge of the road needs to be shaped. The Clerk will take care of this.</p> <p>Mr. Ford wants to look at the contract between the Town and contractor before it receives final approval.</p>				

Roads—Old Business

04-11-Roads-b	Road Signs	06-14-04	RW	
<p>A new batch of Burnt Hill Road signs arrived. Mr. Wimett said that he will install them this time so that any thief will have to destroy them to take them off the post.</p> <p>There are still some road signs obscured by brush that need to be taken care of.</p>				
04-10-Roads-a	Ditching	05-24-04	RW	
<p>Lincoln Road ditching still needs to be done.</p>				

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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 Grant (Natural Turnpike Culvert)	05-26-03	Ongoing	
<p>The project has gone out to bid. The bid opening date is early in September. Phelps has reported that there has been some interest in the project, so there ought to be some bids.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett said that he believes that repaving over the culvert installation ought to be part of the bid—this way we can pave sooner, and get a little more paving out of the 2004 paving budget. The Clerk will follow up with Phelps about this.</p>				

Town Buildings—Old Business

04-05-Bldg-a	Sale of Old Office	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
The one bid that was received was rejected by the Board. A letter to the bidder Anjanette Sidaway delineating the reasons has been sent (filed with these minutes).				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett