

**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>
10-11-04	2004-20	7:40	9:45	10-25-04	7:30p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Ronald Wimett and Lauren Cox, Selectmen, Tim Hanson, Clerk, and Sally Hoyler, Assistant Town Clerk.				
<b>Visitors:</b>	Bruce Malhotra to discuss the purchase of the old Town Office.  Conference call with Tom Barden regarding the Fire Station construction project.				
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 09-27-04 meeting were reviewed; to be signed at the next meeting after corrections are made.				
<b>Approval Actions:</b>					
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 10/11/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$3,210.76 and for General Fund: \$3,375.72, and for the Fire Station Project: \$4,349.54, and including annual payment to requesting social service agencies of \$9,073.84.				

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**FEMA Funding for Private Mitigation Funds—Old Business**

4-19-FEMA-a	<b>FEMA Funding</b>	09-27-04		TH
The Clerk reported that he had called FEMA to ask about funding for Carol McKnight’s river-bank stabilization project, but had not been able to get hold of anyone. Will try again for next meeting.				

**Fire Department Tanker Grant—New Business**

4-20-FD-a	<b>Fire Department Tanker Grant</b>	10-11-04	10-11-04	
The Clerk Board reviewed a letter from the Fire Department discussing the receipt of a grant of more than \$140,000 to purchase a tanker truck. The department will have to borrow \$25,000 to meet the match portion of the grant.				

**Town Plan—Old Business**

04-12-Plan-a	<b>Town Plan Hearing</b>	06-28-04		TH & Bd
The Board adopted the Town Plan without major revisions.  The Board signed a letter to the Planning Commission recommending that they look at changing the lot sizes in three areas as outlined in the previous minutes. A copy of the letter is filed with these minutes.  The up-to-date map of the zoning districts is still pending.				

**High-Speed Internet—Old Business**

04-12-HSInt-a	<b>High Speed Internet</b>	06-28-04		
No further information on the grant for this meeting. The Board reviewed and commented on a letter of support for the grant application. This letter will be re-worked for the next meeting.				

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### Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	<b>Fire Station</b>	04-12-04		TH & Bd
<p>The Board had a conference call with Tom Barden about the Fire Station. Tom said Morton Building Inc. is willing to build the structure this winter for much less than the cost of a steel building. Morton has built several fire stations and rescue squad quarters locally, and Tom said that the owners are happy with them. The building would not have a shed roof; rather, it would be a typical peaked roof (4/12 pitch). The footprint would be the same. The current tentative plan would be for it to have steel walls and a steel roof, and a steel interior as well.</p> <p>The plan would be to pour a frost wall later this month and then have Morton build the structure as soon as they could get to it this winter or early spring. Tom is looking at Guy Bashaw to do the concrete work. The slab would be done later, after the fit-up design has been finalized.</p> <p>Once the design for the fit-up is done, Tom said that there are several contractors that he has spoken with who would be interested in doing the work as early-spring work. He said that they might give a good price, as the project would be done earlier in the spring since the structure would already be up.</p> <p>The Board authorized the project to continue, with a letter of intent from the Town to secure the concrete work and the Morton building.</p> <p>The Clerk is still pursuing an extension for the demolition of the old fire station.</p> <p>The Board requested that the Clerk make sure that people in the neighborhood of the building be made aware of the changes in design, so that they are not surprised.</p>				

### Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	<b>Pearl Lee Trail</b>	12-22-03		
<p>The Clerk reported that the ordinance has been posted, and advertised in the paper as required for the ordinance to go into effect. We have not heard from Lincoln in response to sending them a copy of the ordinance. Copies were also sent to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Poritz.</p>				

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### 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 continues. The bridge is in place. Work is expected to be done by October 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the checklist prepared by Alison Joseph detailing some of the work that still needs to be done. A copy of this list is filed with the minutes. A formal punch list will be generated and checked by the project engineer before final payment.</p> <p>There will be some granite curbing left over. Mr. Wimett will coordinate moving it to the Town Shed area.</p> <p>The Board discussed the need to mark the entrances with reflectors so that they are defined—they are a little hard to see at night.</p> <p>The Board requested that the Clerk discuss the possibility of having a neighbor keep the snow off the bridge and path. Failing that, a local contractor (Lyle Webb, Chris Smith, for example) could get the job.</p> <p>The fill along the edge of the Natural Turnpike still needs to be shaped by Mr. Grip.</p>				

### Roads—Old Business

04-19-Roads-a	<b>Paving</b>	09-27-04	RW	
Dupoise has swept the section of road to be paved—it looks like we will start soon.				
04-11-Roads-b	<b>Road Signs</b>	06-14-04	RW	
Brush still needs to be cut in front of road signs.				
04-10-Roads-a	<b>Ditching</b>	05-24-04	RW	
Lincoln Road ditching has started. Mr. Wimett has cut a bunch of trees on the right-of-way, and is hoping for permission to cut a few more.				
04-07-Roads-b	<b>Mapping of Road Conditions</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
Nothing new on this issue for this meeting. The Board hoped that this could be done before it snows.				
03-10-Roads-a	<b>State Grant (Natural Turnpike Culvert)</b>	05-26-03	Ongoing	
Champlain Construction has started the culvert project. They will be done within a week or so.				

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### Town Buildings—Old Business

04-19-Bldg-a	<b>Town Office Maintenance</b>	09-27-04		
<p>The Clerk said that Alex Carver, a local contractor, has agreed to work on the entrance of the Town office to make sure that it does not leak and freeze this winter.</p> <p>Mr. Wimett asked that after the door is trimmed that the raw wood be treated with polyurethane.</p> <p>The Board also requested that Mr. Carver repair the bad section of the Community House ramp and replace the trim board that has fallen off.</p>				

04-05-Bldg-a	<b>Sale of Old Office</b>	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
<p>Bruce Malhotra attended the meeting to ask about the deed. The Clerk reported that the Town's attorney is working on it and ought to have it by the next meeting. The Board was reluctant to let him use the building or start to clean it up until the deed was signed.</p> <p>The Clerk will get a gas company to provide gas and to service the furnace so that the building has heat.</p> <p>A letter was sent to Anjanette Sideway thanking her for her interest and letting her know of the disposition of the matter.</p>				

### Junk Ordinance—Old Business

04-19-Junk-a	<b>Junk Car Ordinance</b>	09-27-04		
Ellen Fallon has started her review of the Junk Car Ordinance.				

04-19-Em-a	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	09-27-04		
<p>The Clerk reported that Middlebury College has a significant emergency preparedness plan in place for the Middlebury College Breadloaf Campus.</p> <p>In a conversation with Ross Elliott, the Town's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, the Clerk learned that it is unlikely that Silver Towers has a plan. The Clerk and Mr. Elliott will try to get them to prepare one.</p>				

### Zoning Enforcement—Old Business

04-19-Zone-a	<b>Gover Zoning Violation</b>	09-27-04		
The Clerk has forwarded the Gover file to Ellen Fallon's Office, and she is working on a response to this zoning violation.				