

**TOWN OF RIPTON
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Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
11-08-04	2004-22	7:40	9:30	11-22-04	7:30p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford and Laureen Cox, Selectmen, Tim Hanson, Clerk, and Sally Hoyler, Assistant Town Clerk.				
Visitors:	Warren King				
Minutes:	Minutes for 10-25-04 meeting were reviewed and signed. Minutes for 09-27-04 and 10-08-04 were also signed.				
Approval Actions:	<p>Approved the release of a check to Kingsbury Construction for the Enhancement Grant Project once all the documentation is in place. This documentation includes an 'approval to pay' from the State of Vermont, a completed section of the contract documents that requires signatures from the State, the Town and the engineers, and a letter from Otter Creek Engineering certifying that the project was built to the contract specifications.</p> <p>Approved the application for a Recreation Trails Grant Program.</p>				
Orders:	Orders for 11/08/04 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$14,273.56, and for General Fund: \$10,986.11.				

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FEMA Funding for Private Mitigation Funds—Old Business

4-19-FEMA-a	FEMA Funding	09-27-04		TH
<p>Sally Hoyler reported that Norm Smith from Natural Resources Conservation Service met with Michael Burgess (on behalf of Carol McKnight). There is mitigation money that could help her restore the river bank near her house. The Town would be the sponsor of the project, and the State would pay for 75% of the cost of work. The Town would covenant with Ms. McKnight to have her pay the other 25%. Paperwork for this project is pending.</p> <p>The Board decided that since her house is at risk the Board will not insist that she wait until the study of the Middlebury River has been completed before she does the work necessary to protect her house.</p> <p>Ms. Cox suggested that we check to see if other landowners along the river need remedial work as well.</p>				

Recycling Changes—New Business

04-21-RCLE-a	Recycling Changes	10-25-04		
<p>The Board reviewed photos from Warren King and the Clerk, which show the recycling operation at Starksboro. They have contracted with JR's to provide a covered roll-off and hauling services, and they are pleased with the process.</p> <p>Some questions that still need to be answered: will the roll-off fit in the shed? Will the deck that we currently use work for the new roll-off? Do we need to haul in gravel to keep the roll-off out of the ice? Does the truck that comes to pull the roll-off have enough power to</p>				

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drag the container out through some frozen ground? The Clerk will contact JR to see if they can answer these questions.

Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04		TH & Bd
<p>The frost walls are being prepared now. Mr. Ford wanted to make sure that Tom Barden insists that the contractor “tent” the new pour if the temperature is expected to drop below freezing after the pour.</p> <p>The Clerk has contacted VLCT—they are aware that the Town has this additional liability. Whatever materials are on site are insured by them as soon as they arrive on site. They could not see any way to insure materials that are not on site.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he has not been able to find a way to get papers from Morton Buildings that give the Town title to the materials that we have purchased but are storing off site. The down payment we have made, according to Ren Barlow at Langrock and Sperry, is not for materials as such, and so there is no way to have ownership. The fact is that the Town and the Fire Station are at risk for loss of this down payment should Morton go out of business.</p> <p>The Clerk is working on proof of insurance from Morton when they are on site building the structure.</p> <p>The Clerk has posted notices of the change in design of the building at the store, and mailed copies to the neighbors and the School. The School Board needs to vote on the color scheme that has been chosen.</p>				

Zoning—Old Business

03-24-Trails-a	Pearl Lee Trail	12-22-03		
<p>The ordinance will go into effect November 29, 2004 unless there is a petition.</p>				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	Ongoing	AJ
<p>See approval actions for details on payment for this project.</p> <p>The Board approved the placement of a second driveway entrance “between the yield sign and the telephone pole.” This location is acceptable to Mr. Grip.</p> <p>There is a low spot in front of the Community House where water pools. This will have to be fixed in the spring. The Board discussed having additional gravel placed, then graded and rolled, so that it is compacted properly.</p>				

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Mr. Beaudoin will contract to keep the bridge and walkway clear. He will charge \$25.00 a time, and is quite willing to be a Town employee for this project.

Roads—Old Business

04-21-Roads-a	Buried Power Line	10-25-04		
Item kept in minutes until Ken Norden brings in documentation of how the power line across the road near the Bear Cat Lodge has been installed.				
04-11-Roads-b	Road Signs	06-14-04		RW
Brush still needs to be cut in front of road signs.				
04-10-Roads-a	Ditching	05-24-04	RW	
Seeding of the ditches still needs to be done.				
04-07-Roads-b	Mapping of Road Conditions	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
Mr. Wimett and the Clerk still need to drive the roads to update the maps that show what work has been done.				

Town Buildings—Old Business

04-19-Bldg-a	Town Office Maintenance	09-27-04		
Pending Alex Carver to do the repair work.				
04-05-Bldg-a	Sale of Old Office	03-08-04	Ongoing	RW
<p>The deed has been prepared and accepted by the Board. Bruce Malhotra will review it, and if it is acceptable, will sign it with Willem Jewett, who is the Town's Agent to Convey Real Estate.</p> <p>The building has power and heat.</p> <p>The Board requested that the Clerk clarify the Town's right to the dry hydrant on the old Clerk's Office lot.</p> <p>The Board discussed the pay telephone located on the property. No decision was made on this at this point. It might stay there, if Bruce doesn't mind, or it could be moved to another location on the Town's property.</p>				

Junk Ordinance—Old Business

04-19-Junk-a	Junk Car Ordinance	09-27-04		
No formal response has yet been received from the Town's attorney on this issue. The ordinance was e-mailed to them, and Ellen Fallon has been working on it.				
04-19-Em-a	Emergency Preparedness	09-27-04		
Nothing new on Silver Towers emergency and disaster preparedness				

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Zoning Enforcement—Old Business

04-19-Zone-a	Gover Zoning Violation	09-27-04		
Langrock and Sperry say that they never got notice from the Town asking them to work on this issue. They now have the material in hand.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox