

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
12-12-05	2005-23	7:45	9:15	12-27-05	7:30p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Lauren Cox, Ron Wimett, Selectboard, and Sally Hoyler, Clerk				
Visitors:					
Minutes:	Minutes of 11-28-05 were approved and signed.				
Approval Actions:	<p>Received proposed amendments to Ripton's Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulation as submitted by Warren King, Planning Commission Chair.</p> <p>Signed "release of payment" documents from by VTrans for the Class 2 road grant.</p> <p>Accepted resignation of Ross Elliott as Emergency Management Coordinator, as of December 31, 2005.</p> <p>Voted to change the date of the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting from Monday, December 26, 2005 to Tuesday, December 27, 2005.</p> <p>Voted to disallow rental of the Community House during the months of January and February to all parties as an ongoing policy beginning in the year 2006.</p>				
Orders:	Orders for 12-12-05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$13,727.53, for General Fund: \$504,870.02, and for the Fire Station: \$5,599.50.				
Reports:					
Road Commissioner Report:	Culverts/Bridges:	None			
	Gravel/Resurfacing:	None			
	Ditching:	Maintenance ditching on Robbins Crossroad and North Branch Road.			
	Major Projects:	None			

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Fire Station

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04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
	<p>About borrowing funds to pay off the fire station, bond bank vs. local bank: The options for borrowing from a local bank are 10 years with a fixed rate or 5 years with a balloon payment, then re-finance the remainder. The bond bank requires a 20 year term with no option for early payment. In a report submitted by Tim Hanson, he stated that the Town does not have to borrow funds through the bond bank, but must follow the voting process as though it were a bond bank. This involves holding a public hearing and warning a vote by Australian ballot which can follow the same timeline as for other articles warned for Town Meeting. Mr. Hanson is expected to attend the next Selectboard meeting, and discuss with the board the most cost effective option.</p> <p>As previously stated, all outstanding bills to be paid for from the fire station construction account must be received by December 22, 2005.</p>			

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Roads

05-07-Roads-c	Summer Roadwork	04-11-05	Ongoing	RW& Bd
<p>The Board signed “release of payment” documents provided by VTrans for the Class 2 road grant.</p> <p>For the most part, summer roadwork is ended. However, if time and weather permits, some maintenance ditching will be done on the Dugway from the Selden Mill Rd. toward Lincoln Rd. on the north side. Some tree-cutting may still occur on Robbins Crossroad.</p>				

Zoning

04-19-Zone-a	Gover Zoning Violation	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
<p>Pending verification from Ed Hanson that the property is in compliance. The Clerk will send a reminder to Mr. Hanson.</p>				

	Amendments to Zoning Bylaws	12-12-05	Ongoing	
<p>The Board received proposed amendments to Ripton’s Zoning By-laws and Subdivision Regulations as submitted by Warren King, Planning Commission Chair. As an accompanying memo from Mr. King explains, most of the changes made are required by Vermont Act 115, signed into law in 2004, which revises 24 VSA Chapter 117, the regulatory underpinnings of zoning and planning at the regional and municipal level.</p> <p>The process of adoption follows (explained further in memo filed with these minutes):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Planning Commission holds a hearing on the amendments; this occurred on November 29, 2005, no response from the public was received. 2) The P.C. submits the amendments to the Selectboard; this is done this date, December 12, 2005. 3) The Selectboard schedules a hearing no less than 15 nor more than 120 days after submission of amendments to the Board. 4) Minor changes may be made 14 days prior to the hearing; substantial changes will require a new hearing and a copy of proposed changes filed with Town Clerk 10 days prior to the hearing. 5) The Board may vote to adopt the amendments at the hearing, if there is no discussion to warrant changes. <p>The Board set a date for the hearing of February 13, 2006. The hearing will be warned no later than 15 days prior.</p>				

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Community House

05-05-EAID	EAID Grant	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
Final report has been submitted; pending receipt of payment.				

	Community House Floor Panel	11-14-05		
Tim Price will take on the project of ordering and installing the floor panel.				

	Community House Rentals	12-12-05		
Following a discussion about the increased price of heating oil, and the increased unreliability of the furnace in the Community House which has required increased repair service during the past couple of years, the Board unanimously voted to disallow rental of the Community House during the months of January and February to all parties as an ongoing policy beginning in the year 2006, including the Ripton Community Coffee House.				

Miscellaneous

	NRCS Streambank Restoration Project	09-12-05	12-12-05	
Payment in full has been received from NRCS and Ms. McKnight.				

	Recycling Trailer	10-10-05		
The Board discussed the content of a classified ad to publish locally.				

	Emergency Management Coordinator	12-12-05		
The Board accepted the resignation of Ross Elliott as Emergency Management Coordinator, as of December 31, 2005. Some possible candidates for his replacement were discussed.				

	Middlebury College Gift-in-Kind	12-12-05		
As of December 1, 2005, the Town has a credit with the College-Gift-in-Kind program of \$9,996.78. The college no longer pays for our recycling program, and the school does not use the catering services as it had. Also, the college no longer offers man-power (such as for painting and other trades) through gift-in-kind. The board discussed some options for the future use of these funds.				

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	Selectboard Administration Assistant	11-14-05		
The Board worked on a classified ad for the job to post locally and publish in the Addison Independent, and decided upon a time line for the interview process.				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett