

## 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>
01-10-05	2005-01	7:45	10:40	01-24-05	7:30p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, and Lauren Cox, Selectmen, and Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk				
<b>Visitors:</b>					
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 12-13-04 signed. Minutes for 12-27-04 were reviewed, to be signed at next meeting.				
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	<p>Approved the application for an EAID Polling Place Accessibility Grant (Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities)</p> <p>Approved applications for two Recreation Trails grants.</p> <p>Reviewed and signed the 2004 Bridge Inspection Report from VTrans.</p> <p>Received a draft of a new sewage ordinance. The Board decided to review at a later date when either Warren King or Ed Hanson could attend a meeting to explain the main points.</p>				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 01/10/05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$5,050.00, for General Fund: \$4,669.24, and for the Fire Station: \$27,507.50.				

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### Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	<b>Fire Station</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
<p>The Clerk reported on an update provided by Tim Hanson. Morton has received the plans from Tom Barden, has drawn them on blue-prints, and expects the architect to sign off on them within a few days. Then Mr. Barden will take the plans to the Vermont State permitting people, and once all the permits are in place, the building will be ordered. This is expected to take about 5 weeks, which means construction can begin sometime between the end of February to mid- March.</p>				

### 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 invoice has been submitted for reimbursement. (This item will remain within the minutes until payment is received.)</p>				

### Roads—Old Business

04-23 Roads-a	<b>Driveway on Pearl Lee Road</b>	12-13-04	Ongoing	SH
<p>The Clerk discussed this issue with the Town's attorney, Ellen Fallon. Citing Title 19, Section 1111, V.S.A., she confirmed that any construction, including "regrading" within the right-of-way requires "a written permit from the agency", or access permit. Ms. Fallon called A. Johnson Co. to explain these points. A. Johnson Co. has since requested an access permit application from the Town, and in a conversation with the Clerk, reports that they expect to submit it within 2-3 weeks.</p>				

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04-23-Roads-b	<b>Road Repair</b>	12-13-04	Ongoing	RW
There are some deep potholes in need of repair by Baker Bridge and on Pearl Lee Road. Mr. Wimett will take care of this.				

04-23 Roads-c	<b>Road Signs</b>	12-13-04	Ongoing	SH/RW
One of the "School" signs is down on Lincoln Road and needs to be righted. New signs are received and ready for placement.				

04-11-Roads-b	<b>Road Signs</b>	06-14-04	Ongoing	RW
Brush still needs to be cut in front of road signs.				

04-07-Roads-b	<b>Mapping of Road Conditions</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
Tim Hanson will complete the roadwork mapping by the end of January 2005.				

### **Roads-New Business**

05-01-Roads-a	<b>Roadwork Documentation</b>	01-10-05	Ongoing	SH
The Board discussed the need to create a computer file to organize and document access permits, and to make sure that the Town's current access permit is updated and on computer. In a related discussion, the Board asked about any record kept in the office tracking roadwork (gravel, paving, culverts) as it is done. The Clerk will locate previous tracking systems and begin the process of integrating it into a new one.				

### **Town Buildings-Old Business**

04-19-Bldg-a	<b>Town Office Maintenance</b>	09-27-04	01-10-05	
Work has been completed on the repair of the office entrance roof and door.				

### **Phone Booth—Old Business**

04-24-Ph-a	<b>Phone Booth</b>	12-27-04	Ongoing	
The Clerk reported that Bruce Malhotra agrees to allow the phone booth to remain on his property until the issue can be warned and voted on at Town Meeting.				

### **Junk Ordinance—Old Business**

04-19-Junk-a	<b>Junk Car Ordinance</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	
Tim Hanson will prepare the final draft by a date to be agreed upon with the Clerk.				

04-19-Em-a	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	
No response has been received as yet from the owners of Silver Towers on this issue.				

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**Zoning Enforcement—Old Business**

04-19-Zone-a	<b>Gover Zoning Violation</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	
<p>Ren Barlow of Langrock, Sperry, &amp; Wool reported in a conversation with the Clerk that he has spoken again with Roy Gover, but there is no progress towards an agreement to settle the issue. Mr. Barlow suggests if further attempts to communicate with the Govers fail, the next step would be to file an action, proceed to prosecute the action, or use it to enter into an agreement with Mr. Gover to build a septic system by an appropriate date. The Clerk will continue to monitor progress with Mr. Barlow.</p>				

**New Business**

05-01-Tnrep-a	<b>Town Report</b>	01-10-05	Ongoing	SH, Bd
<p>The Clerk noted that the Town books will be audited January 12, 2005 by Angelano and Co. Tim Hanson, as the Town Clerk/Treasurer for all of 2004, will work with the auditors; he is prepared and anticipates no problems.</p> <p>The Board reviewed a draft of the budget and made several corrections. The Clerk will create a revised draft for next meeting.</p>				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett