

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
02-14-05	2005-03	7:35	9:30	02-28-05	7:00p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ron Wimett, Selectmen, and Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk				
Visitors:					
Minutes:	Minutes for 01-10-05 were signed. Minutes for 01-24-05 were reviewed, to be signed at next meeting.				
Approval Actions:	<p>Approved contract for EAID Grant awarded to the Town 1/28/05 (polling place accessibility grant).</p> <p>Voted to alter the time and agenda of the regular selectboard meeting scheduled for February 28, 2005 because it falls on the same night as Town Meeting. The Board will convene briefly at 7:00p.m. on that date to sign orders.</p> <p>Approved application for Community House rental by Wendy Schneider for 2/26/05; liquor will be served.</p> <p>Reviewed access permit application from A. Johnson Co. Agreed to grant permit with conditions. (See below).</p>				
Orders:	Orders for 01/24/05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$8,172.00, and for General Fund: \$9,217.26.				

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Fire Station—Old Business

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
The Clerk reported on an update provided by Tim Hanson. Mr. Hanson spoke with Tom Barden and was told that permits have been applied for and the new start date for the building is the second week in April.				

Parking Lot Grant—Old Business

00-18-Park-a	Parking Lot Grant; Route 125 Enhancement Grant	09-11-00	02-14-05	AJ
All reimbursements have been received by the Town as of January 26, 2005 for this project. This topic is now closed.				

Roads—Old Business

04-23 Roads-a	Driveway on Pearl Lee Road	12-13-04	Ongoing	SH
The Board reviewed the access permit application from A. Johnson. Submitted after the fact, the application describes work completed and does not meet the Town's specifications on several points. The Board decided to grant the permit on the condition that corrective work be done. The Clerk will draft a letter to A. Johnson and have it reviewed by the Town's attorney.				

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04-23-Roads-b	Road Repair	12-13-04	Ongoing	RW
There are some deep potholes by Baker Bridge and on Pearl Lee Road. Mr. Wimett will take care of this when conditions allow.				

04-23 Roads-c	Road Signs	12-13-04	02-14-05	SH/RW
The School sign is righted and other signs are in place.				

04-11-Roads-b	Road Signs	06-14-04	Ongoing	RW
Brush needs to be cut in front of road signs, to be done in the spring.				

05-01-Roads-a	Mapping of Road Conditions	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
Tim Hanson will complete the roadwork mapping by the end of March 2005.				

04-11-Roads-b	Roadwork Documentation	01-10-05	Ongoing	SH
This topic will move to the Reminder List until the project is designed and underway (planned start date: May 2005).				

Phone Booth—Old Business

04-24-Ph-a	Phone Booth	12-27-04	02-14-05	SH
Verizon cannot temporarily install a new phone in the pedestal since the property is now owned privately. The pedestal has therefore been removed, and this topic is now closed until a decision is made at Town Meeting about the installation of a new pay phone in town.				

Junk Ordinance—Old Business

04-19-Junk-a	Junk Car Ordinance	09-27-04	Ongoing	TH
Tim Hanson will prepare the final draft by the next selectboard meeting.				

04-19-Em-a	Emergency Preparedness	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
Mr. Garofano, a representative of the owner of Silver Towers Camp, informed the Clerk that he discovered that the camp does have an emergency plan (previously, he thought they did not), and that he will send a copy to the Clerk.				

Zoning Enforcement—Old Business

04-19-Zone-a	Gover Zoning Violation	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
Ren Barlow of Langrock, Sperry, & Wool reported in a conversation with the Clerk on 2/10/05 that he had had further conversations with the family of Mr. Gover, but had not yet filed the complaint. He said he will do so soon.				

Town Report—Old Business

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05-01-Tnrep-a	Town Report	01-10-05	02-14-05	SH&Bd
Town Report was completed and delivered to the Middlebury College print shop on 2/14/05. It will be mailed from there no later than Friday, February 18.				

Open Positions-New Business

05-03-Open-a	Open Positions	02-14-05	Ongoing	SH&Bd
The Clerk received information that the Town's Health Officer intends to resign. The Board discussed the issue of now having three open positions for appointed officers: Health Officer, Town Service Officer, and Dog Warden. The Board discussed some possible candidates, and suggested posting the vacancies on the Town's bulletin board to inform and encourage townspeople to sign up.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett