

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTMENS MINUTES**

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| Date: | Meeting No. | Start: | End: | Next Meeting | Next Time |
| 03-28-05 | 2005-06 | 7:35 | 10:50 | 04-11-05 | 7:30p.m. |
| Attendees: | William Ford, Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk | | | | |
| Visitors: | Dan McKinley, Mike Pezzetti, and Ed Griffith from the National Forest Service. Sue White from Quarry Hill School. | | | | |
| Minutes: | Minutes for 03-14-05 were signed. | | | | |
| Approval Actions: | On a motion of Laurie Cox, seconded by Ronald Wimett, voted William Ford Chair of the Board for the ensuing year. Approved hydrology study by Phelps Engineering to be performed on a Peddlers Bridge Road culvert, and the application for a VTrans structures grant based on this study. | | | | |
| Orders: | Orders for 03/14/05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$4732.75, and for General Fund: \$4098.25. | | | | |
| Reports: | | | | | |

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Ordinances

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| 05-05-SewOrd | New Sewage Ordinance | 03-14-05 | | SH&Bd |
| The signed draft of the ordinance has been submitted to the state for approval. | | | | |

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| 04-19-Junk-a | Junk Car Ordinance | 09-27-04 | Ongoing | TH |
| There was no discussion on the final revision at this meeting. | | | | |

Fire Station

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| 04-07-Fire-a | Fire Station | 04-12-04 | Ongoing | TH & Bd |
| Nothing new for this meeting. Start date still set around April 11. | | | | |

Roads

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| 05-06 FS54 | National Forest Service Road 54 | 03-28-05 | Ongoing | SH |
| Three representatives of the National Forest Service attended the meeting to discuss a road issue: Dan McKinley, acting district ranger, Ed Griffith, land forester, and Mike Pezzetti, roads engineer. The road in question is Forest Road 54 which begins at the northern end of Natural Turnpike, and ends before the Lincoln-Ripton town line, where the road becomes Town Highway 22 for a length of .15 miles to end at the town line. The Forest Service maintains Forest Road 54 and allows recreational vehicles to use it and TH22, and in past years have granted road use permits over FR54 to a small number of landowners in the area. There are now 16 private landowners in this area, and the Forest Service has received more requests for access. Granting numerous individual easements is time-consuming and the landowner must pay an annual fee. There is also concern | | | | |

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about the safety of recreational users of the road (skiers and snow-mobilers) if there is increased winter use by landowners. The Forest Service prefers that FR 54 become a Town road (class 4 or trail), and then the FS would relocate the recreational trail nearby. The intention at this meeting was to present the situation to the Ripton Selectboard to begin the process of exploring solutions to the issue of providing access to the landowners in a way that satisfies all involved. The Board replied that they will research options.

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| 04-23 Roads-a | Driveway on Pearl Lee Road | 12-13-04 | Ongoing | SH |
| The Town received a letter from Karl Neuse, attorney for A.Johnson Co., requesting copies of road access permit applications for two Ripton properties. The letter also indicated that A. Johnson Co. will attend a Board meeting in April, date to be confirmed. | | | | |
| 05-05-Access | Road Access Permit Process | 03-14-05 | 03-14-05 | EH & Bd |
| Suggested revisions to the Town's road access permit and application forms have been received from Ed Hanson, including a new form for the Zoning Administrator to use when signing off on completed work. The Clerk will create new forms from these recommendations. | | | | |
| 04-23-Roads-b | Road Repair | 12-13-04 | 3-28-05 | RW |
| Potholes by Baker Bridge and on Pearl Lee Road have been repaired. | | | | |
| 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 |
| <p>The Board discussed a plan for tracking major roadwork from now onward. Selectboard meetings will now include a report from the Road Commissioner about roadwork performed during each 2-3 week period between meetings. The major categories of roadwork to be reported on are culvert or bridge work, resurfacing and major gravelling, and ditching. The Commissioner may report at the meeting in person, or provide information to the Clerk prior to the meeting. The Clerk will transfer the information from the report to maps or other documents as an ongoing record.</p> <p>Tim Hanson provided a written statement to the Board confirming that he will complete the roadwork mapping of previous years by the end of June.</p> | | | | |

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Zoning

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| 04-19-Zone-a | Gover Zoning Violation | 09-27-04 | Ongoing | SH |
| <p>Town attorney, Ren Barlow, reported in a conversation with the Clerk on 3-25-05 that the lawsuit has been filed against Arnold and Roy Gover and that they have accepted service. The Govers have retained an attorney, Tad Powers, who will draft a proposal by the Govers to enter into an agreement with the Town to settle this matter. The details of this proposal will be forthcoming.</p> | | | | |

Community House

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| 05-05-EAID | EAID Grant | 03-14-05 | Ongoing | SH |
| <p>The Clerk met with Jim Ross, an Access Specialist, about some details of handicap spec guidelines in regards to the grant project and produced drawings of rail design options. The Clerk will fine-tune these drawings and represent the Town at the Historic Commission meeting scheduled for April 12.</p> | | | | |

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| 05-06 CH | Community House Rentals | 03-28-05 | | SH |
| <p>Sue White, from Quarry Hill School, attended the meeting with a Community House rental concern. The School had rented the CH recently for a fundraising event, which was not successful due lack of publicity that had been expected to take place. Ms. White requested a partial refund. The Board did not come to a decision at this meeting, and requested that Ms. White submit her request in writing.</p> | | | | |

Miscellaneous

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| 04-24-Ph-a | Phone Booth | 12-27-04 | 02-14-05 | SH |
| <p>The Clerk contacted Verizon and found out that Verizon no longer installs telephone booths or pedestals with public telephones. To have a public telephone in Ripton means that the Town must have it installed in an existing covered or indoor location. The Board decided to review options at the next meeting, as daylight permits.</p> | | | | |

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| 04-19-Em-a | Emergency Preparedness | 09-27-04 | Ongoing | SH |
| <p>Ross Elliott, the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator, has provided the Clerk with feedback on the Silver Towers emergency plan. He reports that overall it is a good plan, and offered some specific recommendations to improve it. Mr. Elliott will present the plan to Vermont Emergency Management for their review. Upon receiving that review, the Clerk will contact Silver Towers to amend their plan.</p> | | | | |

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| 05-03-Open-a | Open Positions | 02-14-05 | Ongoing | SH&Bd |
| <p>The Board discussed candidates for Regional Planning Commission Alternate, though no decisions were made. The position of Dog Warden remains open.</p> | | | | |
| 05-05-Town | Town Meeting follow-up | 03-14-05 | Ongoing | SH |
| <p>The representatives from the National Forest Service present at this meeting provided the name of Deb Brighton to contact to answer the question about how National Forest funds are determined. The Clerk will look into this. There was no discussion about the Orris Manning plaque on the old Town Office building.</p> | | | | |

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett