

**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>
04-11-05	2005-07	7:35	10:15	04-25-05	7:30p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk				
<b>Visitors:</b>	None				
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes for 03-28-05 were reviewed and amended, to be signed next meeting.				
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	Appointed Judy Kowalczyk to be Alternate Delegate to the Regional Planning Commission until July 1, 2005.  Approved the borrowing of \$25,000 from the National Bank of Middlebury for the fire tanker truck match, as voted on at Town Meeting.				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 03/14/05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$7,511.95, for General Fund: \$4,736.23, and for the Fire Station Construction Account: \$46,198.00.				
<b>Reports:</b>	Road Commissioner Report: No major roadwork performed this period.				

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**Ordinances**

05-05-SewOrd	<b>New Sewage Ordinance</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH&Bd
The signed draft of the ordinance has been submitted to the state for approval.				
04-19-Junk-a	<b>Junk Car Ordinance</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	TH
There was no discussion on the final revision at this meeting.				

**Fire Station**

04-07-Fire-a	<b>Fire Station</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
Morton Buildings delivered materials to the site April 5, 2005, and began construction the following day. By the end of the week, the framework of the new fire station has been erected.				
Mr. Wimett asked for clarity about Maiden Lane Construction doing work for the fire station project (snow removal, etc.), such as who should be making requests of MLC, and who should MLC bill to.				
The Board requested that either Tim Hanson or Tom Barden sign off on fire station construction bills from now on.				

**Roads**

05-06 FS54	<b>National Forest Service Road 54</b>	03-28-05	Ongoing	SH
The Clerk researched the status of Town Highway 22, and found that it had been reclassified from a class 4 road to a legal trail in March of 1995. Four roads were reclassified and two roads were discontinued at that time, and these changes were first reported on the 1996 Vermont Agency of Transportation Certificate of Highway				

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Mileage. The process was carried out in due order. The Clerk will notify the Forest Service of this information. There was no other discussion on this issue at this time.

04-23-Roads-a	<b>Driveway on Pearl Lee Road</b>	12-13-04	Ongoing	SH
John Lones from A. Johnson Co. called the Town Office this past week to confirm that he and Tom Yeager, also of A. Johnson Co., will attend the Ripton Selectboard meeting of April 25, 2005.				
05-05-Access	<b>Road Access Permit Process</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	EH & Bd
Revised access permit application forms have not yet been produced.				
04-11-Roads-b	<b>Road Signs</b>	06-14-04	Ongoing	RW
Work has begun to cut brush in front of road signs.				
05-01-Roads-a	<b>Mapping of Road Conditions</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
<p>As part of the new system to track roadwork, the Road Commissioner reported that there was no major roadwork performed during the past two weeks, only some thawing of driveway culverts. The report of major roadwork will appear in the beginning of the minutes from now on.</p> <p>Tim Hanson has begun working on the update to the mapping of road conditions.</p>				
05-07-Roads-c	<b>Summer Roadwork</b>	04-11-05	Ongoing	RW&Bd
<p>The Clerk reported that the Town had received the Class 2 Grant from the Vt. Agency of Transportation, but not the Structures Grant. The project total of the Class 2 Grant is \$46,000: the state share is \$36,800 and the Town share is \$9,200.</p> <p>The Road Commissioner, Ron Wimett, presented a tentative summer roadwork schedule. The Board then discussed some likely areas for ditching, culvert replacement, and paving. Next meeting, the Board will finalize the summer roadwork plan and decide which projects are to be funded by the grant.</p> <p>A start date of April 25 was decided upon for the Town Office parking lot gravel project. Otter Creek Engineering will be contacted to set the grades, and Mr. Wimett expects to complete the project within a week.</p>				

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### Zoning

04-19-Zone-a	<b>Gover Zoning Violation</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
<p>The Govers' have accepted service in this matter, and Town attorney, Ren Barlow, received an outline of a settlement agreement from the defendant's attorney, Tad Powers, and forwarded a copy to the Town for the Board's review. Mr. Barlow explained in a conversation with the Clerk that this is an informal letter between the attorneys to get the settlement process started, that it basically says that the Gover's will be brought into compliance one way or another. He also said that no correspondence will be sent out without the Select-board's approval.</p>				

### Community House

05-05-EAID	<b>EAID Grant</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
<p>The Clerk met with John Baker, a forger, and he presented some ideas for railing on the Community House. The Clerk will finalize drawings to present at the Historic Commission meeting scheduled for April 12.</p>				

05-06 CH	<b>Community House Rentals</b>	03-28-05		SH
<p>A written request for a partial refund of a Community House rental fee was received by the Board from Sue White. The Board discussed the matter and refused the request.</p> <p>A revised rental fee schedule was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The revisions do not involve raising prices for rentals, but simplify the fee schedule to make it more clear, by combining opening/closing fee with rental fee, for example. A final draft will be prepared for next meeting for review.</p> <p>Community House rental requests for multiple days from other town parties were discussed.</p> <p>The heating system in the Community House required repair recently by MacIntyre's, and they suggested that vandalism could be the cause. The Clerk will look into this.</p>				

### Miscellaneous

04-24-Ph-a	<b>Phone Booth</b>	12-27-04	02-14-05	SH
<p>The Clerk reported that a representative from Verizon says that it may be possible to have a pedestal installed with the public phone afterall. A foreman would have to visit the site and make an assessment. Verizon will contact the Clerk when a site visit can be arranged. The Board determined where a phone could be placed outside on or around the Town office building, with or without a pedestal.</p>				

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04-19-Em-a	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
<p>There has been no response yet from Vermont Emergency Management about their review of the Silver Tower's emergency plan.</p>				
05-03-Open-a	<b>Open Positions</b>	02-14-05	Ongoing	SH&Bd
<p>The Board appointed Judy Kowalczyk as Alternate Delegate to the Regional Planning Commission upon the recommendation of Warren King previously provided to the Clerk.</p> <p>The position of Dog Warden remains open.</p>				
05-05-Town	<b>Town Meeting follow-up</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
<p>The Clerk has obtained some information about the basis of payments to the Town by the Forest Service, though other information is outstanding so a complete response is not yet prepared.</p> <p>The Board decided that the Orris Manning plaque on the old Town Office building should be removed and remounted to a place on the outside of the current Town Office building. The Clerk will contact Alex Carver to do the work.</p>				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett