

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTMENS MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
05-09-05	2005-09	7:30	9:05	05-23-05	7:30p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Selectmen, and Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk				
Visitors:	None				
Minutes:	Minutes for 04-25-05 were reviewed, amended, and signed. Minutes of 3-28-05 were signed.				
Approval Actions:	Signed loan papers for the borrowing of \$25,000 for the Town's match portion of the cost for the Fire Tanker Truck, as warned in Article 4 at Town Meeting. Adopted the <u>Ordinance Regulating Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles.</u> Approved the use of \$3,000 of College-Gift-In-Kind funds by the Ripton School for the lunch program for the remainder of the 04-05 school year.				
Orders:	Orders for 05-09-05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$4,594.45, for General Fund: \$5,304.47, and for the Fire Station: \$1,890.57				
Reports:					
Road Commissioner Report:	Culverts/Bridges:	None this period.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing:	Removed large trees in right-of-way on Natural Tpke above cemetery in preparation for paving			
	Ditching:	None this period.			
	Major Projects:	None this period.			

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04-23 Roads-a	Driveway on Pearl Lee Road	12-13-04	Ongoing	SH
	The Board reviewed and amended the minutes of the April 25 meeting about this issue. A copy of the minutes will be sent to A. Johnson Co. as confirmation of the agreement reached between the Town and A. Johnson Co.			

Ordinances

05-05-SewOrd	New Sewage Ordinance	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH&Bd
	The State returned the sewage ordinance draft to the Town Office with a list of items to be changed before the State will approve it. Ed Hanson has made the revisions, and the Board signed the new draft at this meeting. The new draft will be sent to the State.			

04-19-Junk-a	Junk Car Ordinance	09-27-04	Ongoing	TH
	The Board signed the ordinance at this meeting; the Ordinance Regulating Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles is formally adopted May 9, 2005. Within 14 days, a summary of the ordinance will be prepared, posted and published as required to complete the adoption process. If no petition is filed within 60 days of the adoption, the ordinance will become effective July 8, 2005.			

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Fire Station

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
<p>Progress continues on the building, and electrical and plumbing work has begun.</p> <p>Ron Wimett is starting the permitting process to have the old fire station building relocated to a site at Maiden Lane Construction. The relocation is expected to happen by fall of this year.</p>				

Roads

05-06 FS54	National Forest Service Road 54	03-28-05	Ongoing	SH
<p>On a motion made by William Ford and seconded by Laureen Cox, the Board voted to reclassify the 0.15 mile of legal trail formerly known as Town Highway 22, located at the northern end of Natural Turnpike at the Lincoln border, to a Class 4 Road.</p>				

05-05-Access	Road Access Permit Process	03-14-05	Ongoing	EH & Bd
<p>The Board reviewed the draft version of a revised access permit form and application, and made suggestions for final revisions.</p>				

04-11-Roads-b	Road Signs	06-14-04	Ongoing	RW
<p>Work continues to cut brush in front of road signs. Several new signs are being erected.</p>				

05-01-Roads-a	Mapping of Road Conditions	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
<p>The Clerk has prepared a project description for the development of a capital budget plan for the Town, to be carried out over the next few months with a final presentation due at the October workshop in the Management Academy series the Clerk is attending this year.</p> <p>Tim Hanson continues to work on updating the mapping of road conditions.</p>				

05-07-Roads-c	Summer Roadwork	04-11-05	Ongoing	RW&Bd
<p>The parking lot project is almost complete. The gravel is spread to the appropriate grades and partially rolled, and it is useable. Sometime this year, the lot will be graded, rolled again, and chloride applied.</p> <p>Tree-cutting is taking place this week on Natural Turnpike east of the cemetery. Trees in the right-of-way will be cut back to meet standards in the areas scheduled for paving, and as funds allow, in an area on Lincoln Road. A revised summer roadwork schedule will be prepared for next meeting.</p> <p>In other discussion, Mr. Wimett noted a culvert on Lincoln Road</p>				

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that needs replacing, and could be the subject for a grant. There are at least two utility poles on Robbins Cross Road well within the Town's right-of-way that hinder roadside work. The Clerk will begin the process of requesting relocation of the poles, so that work may be done in the area next year.

Zoning

04-19-Zone-a	Gover Zoning Violation	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
Town attorney, Ren Barlow, communicated to the Clerk that the Govers' attorney informed him that the Govers do not want to pay part or all of the Town's legal fees as part of the settlement agreement. The Board maintains its position that there has to be a negative consequence to people not following procedure, and requests that Mr. Barlow calculate the penalties incurred to date against the Govers and offer them the option to pay penalties or legal fees.				

Community House

05-05-EAID	EAID Grant	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
The Clerk will attend a continuation of the Historic District Commission hearing on this topic on May 10 to present the Board's response to the Commission's decision on the lighting design.				

05-06 CH	Community House Rentals	03-28-05	05-23-05	SH
After briefly reconsidering the issue of the suggestion of vandalism to the furnace, the Board requested that a set of photos be taken of the furnace as a way to record its present condition in case the issue of vandalism comes up again.				

Miscellaneous

04-24-Ph-a	Phone Booth	12-27-04		SH
The installation of the public phone is scheduled for June 17, 2005.				

04-19-Em-a	Emergency Preparedness	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
There has been no response from Vermont Emergency Management about their review of the Silver Tower's emergency plan.				

05-03-Open-a	Open Positions	02-14-05	Ongoing	SH&Bd
The position of Dog Warden remains open.				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett