

**TOWN OF RIPTON  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start:</b>	<b>End:</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Next Time</b>
05-23-05	2005-10	7:35	10:45	06-13-05	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 of 5-9-05 were approved and signed.				
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	Approve use of liquor for a September 18 <sup>th</sup> rental of the Community House.  Approve Access Permit Application from Justin Malzac.  Appointed Chris Smith as Dog Warden until March 2006.				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 05-09-05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$5,142.50 for General Fund: \$3,754.24, and for the Fire Station: \$52,316.62.				
<b>Reports:</b>	Delinquent Tax Collector Report: As of 05/18/05, total 2003 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$8,090.96. Total 2004 delinquent taxes due, including interest and fees, are \$14,017.42.				
<b>Road Commissioner Report:</b>	Culverts/Bridges:	None this period.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing:	None this period.			
	Ditching:	None this period.			
	Major Projects:	None this period.			

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
04-23 Roads-a	<b>Driveway on Pearl Lee Road</b>	12-13-04	Ongoing	SH
	A copy of the minutes from the April 25, 2005 Selectboard meeting has been sent to A. Johnson Co. No response has been received. The Board requested that the Town's attorney notify A.Johnson's attorney that a response by June 1 would be appreciated.			

**Ordinances**

05-05-SewOrd	<b>New Sewage Ordinance</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH&Bd
	Ed Hanson, Zoning Administrator, reported to the Clerk that Bonnie Hostetler from the State Dept. of Wastewater Management, approved the revised copy of the new sewage ordinance.			

04-19-Junk-a	<b>Junk Car Ordinance</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	TH
	A summary of the ordinance has been published in the Addison Independent May 20, and May 23, 2005. Copies of the complete ordinance are posted in five public locations. The ordinance will become effective July 8, 2005 if no petition is filed to contest it.			

**Fire Station**

04-07-Fire-a	<b>Fire Station</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
	Morton Buildings has nearly completed their work and final payment is included in orders for approval at this meeting, to be paid only when also signed by Tim Hanson and/or Tom Barden. The slab has been poured, and electrical and plumbing work is well underway. Insurance coverage for the building has been revised to \$250,000.00			

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effective today.

### Roads

05-06 FS54	<b>National Forest Service Road 54</b>	03-28-05	Ongoing	SH
<p>On a motion made by William Ford and seconded by Laureen Cox, the Board voted to discontinue a 0.19 mile section of Ira Dow Road (Town Road 17). This section had been reclassified from Class 4 Road to Legal Trail in 1995.</p> <p>Until the pending road changes have been completed (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, and the discontinuance mentioned above), the Selectboard will permit motorized vehicular traffic on these sections of legal trail as if they were Class 4 roads, as allowed in Section 5 of the Ripton Ordinance Governing the Use of Town Trails.</p>				

05-05-Access	<b>Road Access Permit Process</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	EH & Bd
Final revisions of a new access permit form and application are not completed.				

05-01-Roads-a	<b>Mapping of Road Conditions</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
<p>Kevin Behm from Addison County Regional Planning Commission told the Clerk that ACRPC receives grant funds every year to perform culvert surveys for towns in Addison County. Each culvert is identified with a GPS location, and a thorough survey form is completed and entered into a database at Regional Planning. Ripton's survey in 2000, conducted locally, was the model from which this program developed. Since Ripton never updated its survey, Mr. Behm said that although this year's projects have already been scheduled, he would try to fit Ripton in for a complete resurvey.</p>				

05-07-Roads-c	<b>Summer Roadwork</b>	04-11-05	Ongoing	RW&Bd
<p>The final summer roadwork schedule was reviewed. About tree and brushclearing on Robbins Crossroad, it was agreed that work will take place 12'-13' from the edge of the road which is less than the Town's full right-of-way. The Board also agreed that as an ongoing practice, the Town will notify affected residents that right-of-way mowing, brush-clearing, and ditching will be occurring during the roadwork season.</p> <p>Two road signs to be ordered: County Cross Road and Burnt Hill Road.</p>				

### Zoning

04-19-Zone-a	<b>Gover Zoning Violation</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
No new information from Ren Barlow on this issue.				

### Community House

05-05-EAID	<b>EAID Grant</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
The Clerk attended the continuation of the Historic District Com-				

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mission hearing on this topic on May 10. Some lighting issues remain unresolved, but will be resolved by the June HDC meeting.
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05-06 CH	<b>Community House Rentals</b>	03-28-05	05-23-05	SH
Photos have been taken of the furnace.				

**Miscellaneous**

04-24-Ph-a	<b>Phone Booth</b>	12-27-04		SH
Pending installation June 17.				

04-19-Em-a	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
Ross Elliott reported to the Clerk that a report from him on the Silver Towers Emergency Plan is forthcoming based on responses he receives from other agencies reviewing the plan.				

05-03-Open-a	<b>Open Positions</b>	02-14-05	5-23-05	SH&Bd
Chris Smith has agreed to be appointed as Dog Warden. He has received a job description and a copy of the Town's Dog Ordinance. The Board appointed Mr. Smith at this meeting.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett