

**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>
07-25-05	2005-14	8:10	9:40	08-08-05	7:30p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Selectboard, and Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk				
<b>Visitors:</b>					
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes of 7-11-05 were approved and signed, minutes of 6-27-05 were signed.				
<b>Approval Actions:</b>	<p>Reviewed Road Access Permit application from Steve Hardy of Green Mountain Forestry on behalf of Sidney Poritz and approved permit.</p> <p>Approved revised spending projections in the 2005 budget. The Board set the municipal tax rate at .24. The homestead education tax rate is 1.6475, non-residential education tax rate is 1.4180; the total tax rate for the Town is therefore 1.8898 homestead and 1.6603 non-residential. Tax bills are expected to go out by the end of the month.</p>				
<b>Orders:</b>	Orders for 7-25-05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$9,140.00, for General Fund: \$3,290.50, and for the Fire Station: \$45,387.38.				
<b>Reports:</b>					
<b>Road Commissioner Report:</b>	Culverts/Bridges:	None			
	Gravel/Resurfacing:	Gravel work on Barker Road. Locations of all gravel work to date have been provided to the Clerk to be mapped. All sections are 3" new gravel.			
	Ditching:	None			
	Major Projects:	None			

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**Ordinances**

05-05-SewOrd	<b>New Sewage Ordinance</b>	03-14-05	7-25-05	SH&Bd
The ordinance is effective July 24, 2005.				

**Fire Station**

04-07-Fire-a	<b>Fire Station</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
<p>A walk-through of the station took place on July 19 and a punchlist made for final items to be completed. Tom Barden will do a final check when all is done.</p> <p>The Board discussed that a maintenance schedule for the building be created by the Fire Department and provided to the Town. The Town will provide maintenance for the station for the duration of the loan or bond.</p> <p>A town picnic is planned as a dedication to the new fire station on Sunday, July 31 from 12:00 to 3:00 at the station.</p>				

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### Roads

05-06 FS54	<b>NFS Road 54, TH 22, TH 17</b>	03-28-05	Ongoing	SH
Earlier this evening, the Board met at Town Office at 6:45pm and conducted site visits of TH22 (end of Natural Turnpike) and TH17 (Ira Dow Road). The hearing took place at the Town Office at 7:35pm. Minutes of this hearing and of the Board's decision are filed with these minutes.				
05-05-Access	<b>Road Access Permit Process</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	EH & Bd
Progress on the redesigning of the permit forms continues.				
04-01-Roads-a	<b>Mapping of Road Conditions</b>	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
The culvert survey is underway, expected to be completed by the end of this week.				
05-07-Roads-c	<b>Summer Roadwork</b>	04-11-05	Ongoing	RW&Bd
Gravel work continues as reported above. Chloride application is expected to happen this week. As part of the Major Roadside Reconstruction project, some seeding, mulching, and shoulder work remain to be done; then the need for additional work will be determined based on what remains in the budget. The Board discussed the importance to seed and mulch as soon as possible after new ditching is done.				

### Zoning

04-19-Zone-a	<b>Gover Zoning Violation</b>	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
Nothing new this week.				
	<b>Verification of Compliance letters</b>	06/13/05	Ongoing	
No response has been received from Ed Hanson about his review of the VLCT article on this topic.				

### Community House

05-05-EAID	<b>EAID Grant</b>	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
The railing work is expected to begin later this month.				

### Miscellaneous

04-24-Ph-a	<b>Phone Booth</b>	12-27-04		SH
Installation of a light over the phone is pending.				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett