

TOWN OF RIPTON SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
08-08-05	2005-15	7:30	9:15	08-22-05	7:30p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Ronald Wimett, Selectboard, and Sally Hoyler, Clerk				
Visitors:	Kathleen Diehl from Green Mountain Forest Service.				
Minutes:	Minutes of 7-25-05 were approved, to be signed next meeting.				
Approval Actions:	Approved minutes from the Road Reclassification Hearing held July 25, 2005.				
Orders:	Orders for 8-8-05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$6,133.25, for General Fund: \$6,394.06, and for the Fire Station: \$4,594.61.				
Reports:					
Road Commissioner Report:	Culverts/Bridges:	None			
	Gravel/Resurfacing:	None			
	Ditching:	Seeding & mulching on previous ditching. Tree cutting on Lincoln Rd. Ditching & brush cutting on Robbins Crossroad & Natural Tpke.			
	Major Projects:	None			

Kathleen Diehl from the Green Mountain National Forest attended the first part of the meeting to introduce herself in her role as “Partnership and Conservation Education Coordinator”, a new position created by GMNF to address better communications with Forest towns. A highlight of her presentation pertained to grantwriting training and several grant opportunities provided by the GMNF, funded through the USDA, and how she can watch out for grants if she knows what we are looking for. She provided handouts about school programs, PILT payments to towns, a listing of GMNF projects statewide, and general GMNF information. Ms. Diehl suggested that Ripton appoint a liaison to attend 1-2 meetings a year at Forest Headquarters to receive information about upcoming projects and programs.

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Fire Station

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
Tom Barden reported to the Clerk that he will do what it takes to see that all is done on the final punchlist and provide written confirmation when completed.				
End-October was discussed as the deadline for the relocation of the old fire station building.				

Roads

05-06 FS54	NFS Road 54, TH 22, TH 17	03-28-05	Ongoing	SH
The Board approved the minutes of the Road Reclassification Hearing held July 25.				
05-05-Access	Road Access Permit Process	03-14-05	Ongoing	EH & Bd
Progress on the redesigning of the permit forms continues.				
04-01-Roads-a	Mapping of Road Conditions	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
The culvert survey is complete, and 75% entered into Regional				

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Planning's database system.

05-07-Roads-c	Summer Roadwork	04-11-05	Ongoing	RW&Bd
<p>Work continues on Lincoln Road, Natural Tpke & Robbins Crossroad as reported above. Chloride has not yet been applied. Guardrail on the bridge at the bottom of Dugway Road needs to be installed to replace cable that is down. Striping at the intersection of Peddlers Bridge Road and Natural Tpke will be arranged by Mr. Wimett.</p>				

Zoning

04-19-Zone-a	Gover Zoning Violation	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
<p>The Town received \$500 from Mr. Gover, penalty payment in full.</p>				

	Verification of Compliance letters	06/13/05	Ongoing	
<p>Ed Hanson reported to the Clerk that he still upholds his previous memo to abandon Verification of Compliance letters. The Board is reluctant to go against advice from VLCT, which is essentially that the letters serve a purpose, that ZA's may be doing more work than necessary to complete them, that restructuring the fee schedule for VOC's may be in order. The Clerk will do more research, and the Board will review the VLCT article.</p>				

Community House

05-05-EAID	EAID Grant	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
<p>Railing work is completed. Electrical work remains to be done.</p>				

Miscellaneous

04-24-Ph-a	Phone Booth	12-27-04	08-08-05	SH
<p>Installation of the light over the phone is done.</p>				

	Health Violation	08-08-05		
<p>The Board received a copy of a letter from the Health Officer, Tim Hanson, to residents Homer and Geraldine Jackson alerting them to complaints about sewage surfacing on their lawn. The letter noted that the Jacksons are working towards solving the problem; Mr. Hanson stated a deadline of August 22, 2005 to bring the system into conformance. (Letter filed with these minutes).</p>				

William Ford

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett