

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
09-12-05	2005-17	7:35	9:30	09-26-05	7:30p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Selectboard, and Sally Hoyler, Clerk				
Visitors:	Ed Hanson, Zoning Administrator				
Minutes:	Minutes of 8-22-05 were approved, to be signed next meeting..				
Approval Actions:	<p>Reviewed for the second time an access permit application from Lauren Slayton and Justin Willis following a site visit. The Board denied the application because the access is not constructed to standards and cannot be corrected until some road maintenance in the area can be done by the Town. As this is a secondary access to the property, the applicants will be asked to remove the culvert and reapply for the access next year when the work will be scheduled.</p> <p>On a motion by Bill Ford, seconded by Laurie Cox, the Board unanimously voted to provide funding in the amount of \$650 to Champlain Valley Area on Aging (CVAA) for 2005. CVAA had requested this funding, but due to a misunderstanding, was not listed on the warning for the 2005 Town Meeting. CVAA continues to serve Ripton residents.</p>				
Orders:	Orders for 9-12-05 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$21,152.95, for General Fund: \$6,157.61, and for the Fire Station: \$5,622.52.				
Reports:					
Road Commissioner Report:	Culverts/Bridges:	Replaced culverts on Lincoln Road: driveway culverts on map#'s 02-01-23 and 02-01-19.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing:	None			
	Ditching:	Ditching continues north on Lincoln Road, Class 2 project.			
	Major Projects:	None			

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Fire Station

04-07-Fire-a	Fire Station	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH & Bd
<p>Tom Barden reported to the Clerk this past week that the remaining items on the punchlist to be done are: 1) some baseboard, 2) lip height on front stoop altered to meet handicap requirement, 3) punchlist items to be done by Tim Ryan, delayed due to health problem, and 4) awaiting price quote from Morton Buildings for siding that was damaged. The Board noted that if the Fire Department wants any other items for the station that may be paid for with the construction loan but were not part of the original budget, the FD should present a proposal to the Selectboard for approval.</p>				

Roads

05-06 FS54	NFS Road 54, TH 22, TH 17	03-28-05	9-12-05	SH
<p>Certified copies of the decision have been mailed to interested persons who had received the initial notices. The final step will be the filing of the 2006 Certificate of Highway Mileage next January indicating the changes.</p>				

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04-01-Roads-a	Mapping of Road Conditions	04-12-04	Ongoing	TH/RW
Pending completion of data entry of culvert survey by Regional Planning by September 30, 2005.				

05-07-Roads-c	Summer Roadwork	04-11-05	Ongoing	RW&Bd
Ditching continues on Lincoln Rd under Class 2 Project. Striping at the intersection of Peddlers Bridge Rd and Natural Tpke is done. The Board accepted a proposal for guardrail work on the Dugway Rd from Lafayette. The State needs to be notified to do striping on Lincoln Rd. A "Yield" sign on Natural Tpke near intersection with Peddler's Bridge Rd needs righting. Some storm damage repair work was done following recent heavy rains, and it was noted that County Cross Rd and Frost Rd required the most repair, while Robbins Cross Rd held up well due to recent ditching. Some shoulder-work on Natural Tpke remains to be done under Major Roadside Reconstruction.				

Zoning

04-19-Zone-a	Gover Zoning Violation	09-27-04	Ongoing	SH
Ed Hanson, Zoning Administrator, reported that to the best of his knowledge, the final item required to be done by the Govers to meet the terms of the Consent Order & Decree is to remove the preexisting camp structure. Mr. Hanson said that he is planning to fly in the area soon and will try to survey the Gover property from the air to see if the structure is there.				

	Verification of Compliance letters	06/13/05	9-12-05	
Ed Hanson reported that he accepts the Board's commitment for the Town to continue to issue VOC letters. It was agreed that the fee will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00.				

Community House

05-05-EAID	EAID Grant	03-14-05	Ongoing	SH
Pending completion of work by deadline of October 31, 2005. Electrical work is expected to be done by September 30, 2005.				

Miscellaneous

	Health Violation	08-08-05	9-12-05	
A written conclusion from the Health Officer, Tim Hanson, indicates that the corrective work has been completed on the Jackson's septic system (filed with these minutes).				

	NRCS Streambank Restoration Project	09-12-05		
Last fall, the Clerk met with Norm Smith from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS of USDA) about doing stream bank restoration work on Carol McKnight's property. He did a site evaluation and sent a project proposal (November 2004). Then, he admitted that				

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he had already submitted all of the projects for 2005 prior to doing the survey here. He felt that this one was small enough to fit in should excess funds be left over. He has had to wait until the 05 projects were done or nearly done to see what's left over, and that has finally happened. Mr. Smith informed the Clerk this past week that he is now ready to draw up a project agreement for this project. He sent a sample contract for the Board to review at this meeting; the actual contract will be ready later this week.

Some of the main points are:

- The Town acts as a sponsor; the agreement is with the Town, not Carol McKnight. We are reimbursed for 75% of construction work, and get other 25% however we decide.
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- NRCS does the engineering at no cost to us. Mr. Smith will provide us with a design, we bid it out.
- The Town or Carol McKnight may back out of the project without fault.
- This funding is for single event-type destruction, not chronic erosion. At this point, the McKnight property qualifies, but if we don't do this now, we will have to wait for another "event".

The Board accepts the basic contract from NRCS, and requests that the Town's attorney draw up a contract between the Town of Ripton and Carol McKnight for the 25% of the costs not covered by NRCS to be paid by Ms. McKnight. Mr. Smith is scheduled to do a site visit later this week in order to prepare his engineering design.

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett