

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Date:	Meeting No.	Start:	End:	Next Meeting	Next Time
11-27-06	2006-22	7:30	10:15	12-11-06	7:30 p.m.
Attendees:	William Ford, Laureen Cox, and Ronald Wimett, Selectboard and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk				
Visitors:	Dan McKinley, Tracy Tophooven, Chris Casey, Chad Van Ormer, National Forest Service <i>(see "Forest" below)</i> Willem Jewitt, State Representative; Nola Kevra, resident Sally Hoyler, Town Clerk and Treasurer <i>(see "Budget" below)</i>				
Minutes:	Minutes of 11-13-06 to be approved at next meeting.				
Approval Actions:					
Orders:	Orders for 11-27-06 were reviewed and signed. Total for Roads: \$4,975. General Fund: \$506,236.55.				
Budget:					
Reports:					
Delinquent Taxes					
Road Commissioner Report	Culverts/Bridges	All in.			
	Gravel/Resurfacing	Completed.			
	Major Roads Reconstruction Projects	See Major Projects below.			

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Roads

06-15-RDSMP	Major Projects	08-14-06	ongoing	RW
Work continues to bring Robbins Cross to standard.				

06-21-RDGRD	Grading	11-13-06	ongoing	RW
Grading on North Branch continues. Ripton Town Parking Lot is to be graded.				

Miscellaneous

06-07-Daig	Daignault Property	04-24-06	Ongoing	DK
The Board approved the drafted letter regarding the condition of this property and how it relates to the Junk Ordinance. It will be sent.				

06-15-FIRMA	Fire Station Materials	08-14-06	Ongoing	DK
The Board Chair is to contact Morton Building for recommendations for storage of the building materials presently outside the Fire Station. Nothing more to report at this time.				

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06-21- FOREST	Forest Service Plans	11-27-06	11-27-06	
<p>Several members of the Green Mountain Forest Service, conducted a presentation to share draft plans (<i>see attached</i>) for the area to the west of Natural Turnpike—roads, timber, recreation, wildlife, and fisheries projects. It was noted that the plan is tentative is a draft and that more discussion is to take place.</p> <p>The Conservation Commission and Planning Commission were invited, but were not able to attend. The members of the Forest Service will follow-up with these committees separately. Feedback is welcome. Another public meeting is planned.</p> <p>One point of the discussion concerned “stewardship contracting” introduced by Tracy Tophooven whereby revenues from commercial timber sales is reinvested into service projects. Selectboard member Laureen Cox made reference to the Alternative Energy Group; Ranger Tophooven stated that there would be interest in meeting with this group.</p>				

06-22-06	Budget Report Discussion	11-27-06	11-27-06	
<p>The Board together with the Town Treasurer and Board Clerk discussed the issuance of a monthly budget report. It was agreed that the Town Treasurer and the Board Clerk would work jointly to assure a timely document. The Treasurer will issue the report with updated figures to the Board and the Board Clerk will integrate questions, comments, and amendments from the Selectboard.</p>				

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett