

**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>
1-30-06	2006-02A	7:30	9:30	2-13-06	7:30p.m.
<b>Attendees:</b>	William Ford, Laureen Cox, Ron Wimett, Selectboard, Sally Hoyler, Clerk, and Debra Karpak, Board Clerk as of February 1, 2006				

This special meeting was warned for the purpose of finalizing the budget for 2006 and the Warning for Town Meeting.

On a motion by Laurie Cox seconded by Ron Wimett, the Board unanimously voted on a budget for the Town for 2006 of \$335,328.00, of which \$166,000.00 is for Roads and \$169,328.00 is for General Fund.

The budget totals were added to the Warning for Town Meeting. As voted at the December 27, 2005 Selectboard meeting, an article is included in the warning for voting by Australian ballot authorizing the borrowing of \$176,500.00 to pay off the balance of the line-of-credit loan for the construction of the fire station. The construction is completed and the line-of-credit will become due later this year. The Board proposes to borrow for a term of 10 years; payments for a loan of a shorter term would be too much for the Town to manage. Before the final draft of the Warning is approved, the wording of the article about the borrowing will be confirmed with the Town's attorney and the Warning for Town Meeting will be signed by the required date of February 5, 2006.

No other business was conducted at this meeting.

William Ford

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett