

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
05-14-2012**

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
05-14-2012	2012-10	7:30	9:45	05-28-2012	7:30 p.m.
Attendees	Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Warren King, planning commissioner and energy coordinator, attended 7:30-8:40.				
Minutes	Minutes of 04-23-2012 were reviewed, approved and signed.				
Approval / Actions	<p>Adopted Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program description and guidelines.</p> <p>Approved Efficiency Vermont as Ripton's administrator of the PACE Program.</p> <p>Approved that the Town sponsor the Ripton Energy Assistance Program (REAP) grant application to the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF).</p> <p>Approved repair of the headwall at the culvert east of the town shed (B13 Peddlers Bridge Road), project award to Champlain Construction, bid \$17,222.</p> <p>Approved Peddlers Bridge Rd. paving by Dupoise & Fiske.</p> <p>Approved Barker Rd. repair, Maiden Lane Contractors estimate \$7,500.00.</p> <p>Approved Chandler Hill Rd. repair, Maiden Lane Contractors estimate \$11,560.00.</p> <p>Approved Frost Rd. repair, scope to fit budget remaining after Barker Rd. and Chandler Hill Rd. repairs.</p> <p>Approved and signed a contract for emergency dispatch service with the Shelburne Emergency Communications Center.</p>				
Orders	Approved and signed: Roads: \$4,205.12; General Fund: \$8,457.99.				
Correspondence	Received and filed a letter from Rep. Peter Welch in support of Ripton's vote in favor of a constitutional amendment regarding corporate personhood.				
Officer Reports	Received from delinquent tax collector, \$26,902.48 due; treasurer; zoning administrator.				
Zoning Bylaw	Warren King presented the major changes to the zoning bylaw. It is revised as a unified development bylaw combining the zoning bylaw, historic district, fluvial erosion hazard district, and flood hazard bylaw into a more user friendly document. Changes are proposed to make zoning districts better reflect the town plan: some districts on paved roads near the town center will be less restrictive and some areas away from existing roads and services will be more restrictive. The selectboard requested, and Mr. King agreed, that landowners whose zoning will be more restrictive will be notified by letter. The planning commission hearing of the revised bylaw is June 5, 2012, at the Community House. If there is no substantive change as a result of the planning commission hearing, the selectboard will schedule a public hearing of the bylaw.				
TOWN BUILDINGS					
Town shed	The problem of trash disposal at the town shed between recycling dates was discussed. Asking the sheriff to park at the shed was proposed.				
RVFD site – REAP shed	The Ripton Energy Assistance Program (REAP) requires a sponsor for a grant proposal to the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) for construction of a woodshed on land the fire dept. leases from the school. There is no cost to the sponsor. Richard Collitt moved and all approved that the town sponsor REAP's application to VCF. There was discussion of the shed and firewood including that: Mr. Wimett has pine logs to donate for milling; the building not be too tight, so that wood dries well; the building be sound enough for reuse in the event REAP ends; the criteria for receiving firewood be eased; firewood be raffled as a fundraiser.				
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)	At the March 5, 2012 town meeting, voters designated Ripton as a PACE district and authorized the selectboard to enter an agreement with Efficiency Vermont to administer the program. At this May 14 meeting, Ms. Cox moved and all approved to adopt the PACE program description and guidelines and approve Efficiency Vermont as the PACE program administrator. Mr. King left the meeting at the end of the discussion of PACE.				

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ROADS	
General	The Goshen Rd. was graded. Some roads needed re-grading because of rain damage. Right-of-way mowing/brush-cutting is scheduled for Wagon Wheel Rd. and the south end of the Goshen Rd. Approval of expenditure for road work prioritized at the 04-23-12 meeting was moved by Mr. Collitt and approved as follows: Peddlers Bridge Rd. paving to complete the repair begun in 2011 between Wagon Wheel Rd. and #552 to be paid from the resurfacing/paving budget, contractor DuPoise & Fiske; headwall repair at culvert #B13 (near town shed) awarded to Champlain Construction based on a bid of \$17,222, it and the work that follows are to be paid out of the line in the 2012 budget for repair of damage by 2011 floods; Barker Rd. \$7,500 for repair – likely to have some FEMA funding; Chandler Hill Rd. \$11,560 for repair; Frost Rd. surface gravel and ditching, phased to fit remainder of budget.
Signs	Signs are delivered.
Road grants	The Better Backroads program sent authorization to begin work for the grant project they funded, the replacement of a culvert near 398 Natural Turnpike.
OTHER BUSINESS	
RVFD – e911	Fire chief Erik Eriksen sent recommendations to the selectboard regarding dispatch service. The Addison County Sherrif is discontinuing dispatch May 22 nd . Mr. Wimett moved and all approved to contract with the Shelburne Emergency Communications Center for dispatch.

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt