

**TOWN OF RIPTON
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
06-25-2012**

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
06-25-2012	2012-13	7:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	07-09-2012	7:30 p.m.
Attendees	Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Warren King, planning commissioner, attended 7:30-8:15; Chris Smith, animal control officer and constable, attended 8:15-8:40.				
Minutes	Approved and signed: Minutes of 06-11-2012.				
Orders	Approved and signed: Roads: \$790.00; General Fund: \$8,716.12.				
Approval Actions	Approved and signed Addison County Sheriff contract.				
Officer Reports	Received and discussed from: treasurer.				
Correspondence	Received and discussed: United Way Day of Caring job request, VLCT letter regarding Act 103 of 2012 and constables.				
DISCUSSION with VISITORS					
Zoning Bylaw (Unified Development Bylaw)	At the 06-11-12 meeting, the selectboard requested that the planning commission reconsider the timeframes for permits and renewals under section 523, campers. Warren King, chair of the planning commission, provided a memo describing the proposed changes and attended the 06-25-12 meeting to discuss them. In the current bylaw campers may be occupied for up to 7 days in a 6-month period without a permit. Permits may be issued for up to 120 days on undeveloped parcels if provisions for wastewater disposal are shown and all other provisions of the bylaw are met. Permits are not allowed for campers on developed parcels. The revised bylaw proposes use of campers without a permit for up to 16 days in a 6-month period; and use of campers with a permit for up to 180 days on undeveloped and developed parcels, if provisions for wastewater disposal are shown and all other provisions of the bylaw are met. The duration of the permit, and the lack of definition of its renewal were the board's primary concerns. The selectboard recommended that for both undeveloped and developed parcels, campers be allowed 16 days without a permit and 90 days with a permit in a 12-month period, if provisions for wastewater disposal are shown and all other provisions of the bylaw are met. Section 516: temporary uses and structures, was noted for allowing use of campers during construction projects. Mr. King will bring the board's recommendation to the planning commission, and left at the close of this discussion.				
Dogs	State laws 20 V.S.A. § 3581 and §3621 regarding dogs were discussed with Chris Smith, animal control officer. The law requires the selectboard to appoint someone to keep lists of licensed, inoculated, and unlicensed dogs and provide the list to the town clerk. Prior to this meeting, the town clerk contacted owners who did not renew licenses in 2012, updated the list of non-renewals, and provided it to the board. The animal control officer and the board will use this list, the list of licensed dogs, and a list of property owners, to ask those who are not complying with the law to license their dogs. The law authorizes the board to impound unlicensed dogs, transfer them to an animal shelter, and possibly destroy them. However, the board's interest is in public safety, proof of vaccination, and encouraging compliance.				
Constable powers	Act 103 of 2012 – <i>An Act Relating to the Certification of Capitol Police and Constables and to Legislative Traffic Control and Parking</i> – was discussed with Chris Smith, constable, and a letter about it was provided to him. The Act requires that constables who exercise law enforcement authority be certified. It will not change Ripton's constable duties because Ripton restricts the law enforcement authority of the constable to those expressed in statute for uncertified constables and the constable complies with that restriction.				
ROADS					
General	The paving project on Peddlers Bridge Rd. completed the paving budget for the year. Roadside mowing is underway; safety was discussed. More grading will be done; culvert work, and repair to Chandler Hill Rd. will follow.				
Grants	VTrans announced award of our two structures grant applications, one for bridge membrane coating and paving and the other for a culvert replacement. No work is to begin until contracts are complete. Work locations are: bridge numbers 3 (Bent Bridge, Lincoln Rd), 15 (Dugway) and 16 (Billings Bridge, Nat. Tpike), and culvert 1C38 near 3929 Lincoln RD.				

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Storm damage 05-29-11	A FEMA disaster declaration was made for Addison County for the 05-29-12 thunderstorms. This is expected to help fund repair of damage on the North Branch, Chandler Hill and Goshen Roads. Filing a claim for damage to the generator at the school was discussed.
NEW BUSINESS	
Sheriff contract	A contract for police services provided by the Addison County Sheriff was signed and is effective immediately. It provides for 24-32 hours per month of patrol, in minimum 4-hour shifts, at \$22 per hour and mileage at \$0.55 per mile.

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt