

Town of Ripton - SELECTBOARD MINUTES – September 24, 2012

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
09-24-2012	2012-19	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	10-08-2012	7:30 p.m.
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Sheriff Don Keeler (7:30-8:10); Tim Hanson (7:30-8:30); Chris Bray (8:55-9:15)				
Minutes	Amended draft and approved: Minutes of 09-10-2012.				
Orders	Approved and signed: Roads: \$6,292.12; General Fund: \$4,692.96.				
Approval Actions	<p>Appointed town moderator, Tim Hanson.</p> <p>Approved permits for work in town right-of-way: 84 Ira Dow Rd.; 3 locations Steam Mill Rd., Middlebury College Bread Loaf campus.</p> <p>Approved that permits for work in the town right-of-way be processed by the zoning administrator, work inspected by the road commissioner, with a \$60 fee per site.</p> <p>Approved Community House rental contract for 10-19-12.</p> <p>Approved waiver of permit fee for Ripton Energy Assistance Program woodshed.</p> <p>Approved VT Local Roads Program courses for road crew: “Trucks & Winter Equipment” and “Construction Math”.</p> <p>Approved invoice for tree removal by J. Webb, and its \$20 to be credited to 2 dog licenses.</p>				
Correspondence	State of VT treasurer notice of application form for accelerated payments – filed; VT Animal Control Assoc. training – sent to animal control officer; clerk/treasurer: emails regarding minutes of 09-10-12 and office restructuring – reviewed, filed for future meeting.				
Discussion with visitors					
Sheriff Don Keeler	Sheriff Keeler attended at the board’s invitation to discuss the town’s relationship and contract with his office. Prior to the meeting he surveyed the town’s speed zone signs and found them satisfactory. He assigns deputies to towns for 3-month intervals so that officers get to know the community. Patrol schedules and routes are varied. Emphasis in Ripton is on burglary prevention and slowing traffic to improve safety, not on revenue production. Concerns about speeding in specific areas, waste disposal and junk accumulation, public health and safety, prior legal issues, and budgets were discussed.				
Timothy Hanson	It was moved (DC) and approved to appoint Tim Hanson to the position of town moderator to fill the term vacated by Joyce Dicianna.				
Chris Bray	Chris Bray introduced himself as a candidate for the Vermont senate, and expressed interest in local concerns.				
Discussion: Roads Report					
General	Need for repair on the class 4 portion of the Pearl Lee Rd. was reported and will be done. Hauling winter sand will continue through mid-October.				
Better Backroads Grant	The culvert replacement near 398 Natural Turnpike began today, with completion expected before the end of the week.				
Peddlers Bridge Rd. culvert headwall area	Road surface repair will be coordinated with paving at the Better Backroads grant site.				
Tropical Storm Irene FEMA 4022-DR-VT	Barker Rd. and Chandler Hill Rd. work will begin when the Better Backroads grant project is finished. If time and money allow, Frost Rd. repair will be done. The state treasurer’s office reviewed our damage repair estimates for potential USFS funds, and reported available funds may provide partial coverage.				
Storm damage 05-29-12 FEMA 4066-DR-VT	No news from the state regarding approval. VLCT is still processing the generator claim.				
ACRPC/TAC grant	A \$10,000 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) grant was awarded for study of Baker Bridge (bridge #2) on the Lincoln Rd., near the intersection of the N. Branch and Pearl Lee Roads.				

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Zoning/Unified Development Bylaw	The 10-08-12, 7:30 p.m. hearing at the town office was warned in the 09-20-12 <i>Addison Independent</i> .
Town office	The need to complete painting the west side exterior was discussed.
Emergency generator - school	The generator did not start during a power outage 09-18-12 and is being serviced 09-25-12.
Dogs	Two of twelve dog owners who received the letter mailed last week responded.
Zoning admin.	The potential zoning violation discussed at the 09-10-12 meeting is not a violation per the zoning administrator.
Deacon Hill Rd. and Old Town Rd. Tropical Storm Irene FEMA 4022-DR-VT	The town was reimbursed by FEMA for emergency protective measure repair to Deacon Hill Rd. and Old Town Rd. Residents previously reimbursed the town. It was moved (RW) and approved to refund the payment to residents minus the amount designated by FEMA as town administrative cost.
Discussion: New Business	
Work in right-of-way/ utility cuts	Two permit applications for cuts across roads were reviewed and approved (see actions) and prompted discussion of permit application and processing. It was further approved that permits for work in the right-of-way be processed by the zoning administrator, and that the road commissioner be notified by to review and inspect work. The \$60 fee for permit (\$50 plus \$10 for recording) is for each work area, even if multiple sites are on one application. Motions (LC).
Storm clean-up	Jim Webb submitted a \$20 invoice for clearing a tree that blocked the North Branch Road (with a witness noted) and asked that payment be credited to dog licenses. Payment was moved (DC) and approved, with a letter to be sent that work will not be paid in the future unless authorized by the road commissioner.
Facilities coordinator	The possibility of a need to fill this position and potential candidates were discussed.

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt