

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes					
Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
03-25-2013	2013-07	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	04-08-2013	7:30 p.m.
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk. Daryl Benoit, Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) 7:55- 8:30.				
Minutes	Approved: Selectboard Hearing Minutes and Meeting Minutes of 03-11-13.				
New Business					
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$8,710.00; General Fund: \$8,719.06.				
Approval Actions	Unless otherwise stated actions are moved by the chair and approved by all. Appointed the following: Emergency management director/coordinator: Erik Eriksen; Conservation commission: members reappointed to 3 year terms - Barry King, Jay Harrington, Martha McCaughin; appointed to fill remainder of term expiring in 2015- Mark Nelson. Approved/issued letter of warning of right to impound dogs. Adopted 2013 Basic Emergency Operations Plan.				
Correspondence	VT State Archives Public Records Management Issues; draft revision of Stream Alteration General Permit; Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting - reviewed; ACTR report and request in addition to funds voted at town meeting – denied; ACSWMD appointment form – completed. Conservation commission chair: request to reappoint members, resignation of Sally Buteau and request to appoint Mark Nelson (see Approval Actions).				
Roads Report					
General	Spring gravel application is underway with potholes to be filled on Robbins Crossroad and the Lincoln Rd. Remaining winter sand is being moved toward the town shed and away from the river. A call about a car stuck on Miller Hill and slippery conditions on March 22 nd led to all-night snow-plowing. Davey Tree Service consulted with the road commissioner before cutting brush and trimming trees along utility lines throughout town. Vermont Local Roads online answers to a question about the Gorman chloride tank rental program, with which we recently contracted, were very positive				
Discussion with ACRPC, Daryl Benoit – bridge study and road classification	Transportation planner, Daryl Benoit, delivered five bids and a ranking matrix for study of Baker Bridge (B2) on the Lincoln Rd. Because no original plans of the bridge construction have been found, no-cost bridge inspection by VTrans is not an option. The possibility of re-classifying Natural Turnpike and the Goshen Rd. from class 3 to class 2 was discussed. Cases for both may be made for “disaster resiliency” and would be helped if adjoining towns agreed. Traffic counts were done by ACRPC for Natural Turnpike and are proposed for the Goshen Rd. Mr. Benoit was present at the meeting for this discussion only, from 7:55-8:30.				
Old Business					
Audit/budget/ town meeting - July 1 fiscal yr	In planning for the move from a calendar year to a July 1 fiscal year, as voted at town meeting, the need for a 6-month or 18-month transition budget was discussed. The board proposes a 6-month Jan. 1, 2014 –June 30, 2014 budget to be warned and voted in Nov. 2013. Discussion included concerns about tax collection dates, college payment/agreement amounts, and notification of resident and non-resident property owners. Ms. Cox and Ms. Joseph reported on the treasurer workshop they attended.				
Emerg. Shelter	The Red Cross shelter training held from 6-7:30 p.m. this evening and attended by the board chair and clerk was discussed.				
Dogs	A second complaint was received about the Cherouny/Jewett dogs. Per the dog ordinance, a letter of the town’s right to impound after a third complaint in six months was issued.				

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt