

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting	Time
04-08-2013	2013-08	7:30 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	04-22-2013	7:30 p.m.
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Frank Wolf, 7:30- 9:00 for audit/budget discussion.				
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 03-25-13.				
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$6,766.00; General Fund: \$6,285.37.				
Approval Actions	Unless otherwise stated, actions are moved by the chair and approved by all. Signed Addison County Regional Planning (ACRPC) delegate appointment forms for term of 07-01-13 to 06-30-14: Jeremy Grip, delegate; Marty Kulczyk, alternate; Transportation Advisory Committee delegate, Steve Zwicky; Mar Harrison, alternate. Approved that the delinquent tax collector pursue collection of the Drummond delinquent tax via small claims court. Approved and signed Addison County Sheriff contract for 05-01-13 to 04-01-14.				
Officer Reports	Delinquent tax collector: \$14,324.32 due; treasurer: budget report; zoning administrator: 1 application.				
Roads Report					
General	Most roads are in good shape. Gravel was added at Natural Turnpike, and grading done on Chandler Hill Rd. and Lincoln Rd.				
Bridges	The bridge study (B2, Lincoln Rd.) proposals were evaluated to forward to ACRPC. The biennial VTrans bridge inspection reports were reviewed with riprap, beam and rail work identified, but no structural concerns cited.				
New Business					
Delinquent Tax: Drummond	The delinquent tax collector requested via email to initiate a tax sale of the Drummond property and verify that the town will bid on the property if no one else does. The board reviewed a letter mailed by the delinquent tax collector to Mr. Drummond in January 2013. The board moved and approved initiating one of the two options cited by the delinquent tax collector in the letter: small claims court.				
Sheriff contract	The Addison County Sheriff sent a renewal contract with explanation of changes from 2012. Citing increased costs, the hourly rate is changed from \$22 to \$25 and mileage from .55 to .565/mile. After discussion of rates, budget concerns, timing, and patrols, the board moved and approved the contract with the current range of patrol hours.				
Town buildings	Several items were noted for follow-up: town office west exterior wall paint; Community House - bids for interior painting, blower fan run-time, a refrigerator.				
Correspondence	Town meeting minutes – reviewed, signed by Laureen Cox as a Board of Civil Authority member; Public Service Board, “Application for Certificate of Public Good for Net Metered Power Systems...” for customer Freeman Allen, and notice of planning commission visit – no comment; Counseling Service of Addison County, thank you for voted funds; tax map vendor Cartographic Associates notice of name change to CAI - filed.				
Old Business					
Audit/budget/ town meeting - July 1 fiscal yr	Resident and finance professional, Frank Wolf, attended the meeting from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for only this topic. Discussion focused on the need for a 6-month or 18-month transition budget, with suggestions made about budget tracking, cash flow analysis, and audits.				
Emerg. Shelter	At a second Red Cross shelter meeting, Mark Nelson, Laurie Cox and Ceredwyn Alexander volunteered as shelter managers.				
Dogs	The certified letter sent regarding the Cherouny/Jewett dogs and the town’s right to impound was delivered, and the dogs have not been seen loose. A Vermont League of Cities and Towns article about dogs, and potential unlicensed dogs were discussed.				

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt