

<b>Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>05-13-2013</b>	2013-10	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	05-27-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk.			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 04-22-13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$6,633.89; General Fund: \$7,176.16.			
Approval Actions	Unless otherwise stated, actions are moved by the chair and approved by all. Re-appointed Town Forest Fire Warden, Erik Eriksen, term July 1, 2013-June 30, 2018. Approved pay rate of \$18 per hour for: Carrie Herzog, for bank statement reconciliation; listers Beth Eliason and Erik Eriksen. Approved: Irene Poole, assistant treasurer, signer on town accounts.			
Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector - \$13,736.04 due; treasurer - profit & loss report, account balances; zoning administrator - 8 applications processed in April. Reviewed and filed.			
<b>Roads Report</b>				
General	Chloride delivery and purchase of a tarp for the spray-rig are expected.			
Road sweeping	Maiden Lane Contractors scraped sand from the roads before sweeping began. Dupoise & Fiske swept roads and shoveled sand from intersections and road cuts. The combined tasks exceeded the amount budgeted for sweeping.			
Title III USFS Road funds	An estimate for repair of storm damage on FR 59 and FR32 was submitted to the state treasurer's office 09-20-12. The total estimate, \$73,856.40, was awarded and received 04-23-13. Repair includes gravel replacement, grading, ditching, erosion control and a culvert.			
Culverts	One culvert for the Goshen Rd. and one for North Branch Rd. were ordered. Ripton will receive a culvert inventory update grant in the current round of awards.			
Bridges: Baker Bridge (B2)	The kick-off meeting for the Baker Bridge study (B2, TH1, Lincoln Rd.) was May 9 <sup>th</sup> . Preliminary inspection indicated no major scour issues and that the current alignment is the best for the stream and traffic calming. Structural analysis began May 13 <sup>th</sup> .			
<b>New Business</b>				
Correspondence	Sheriff – trash/burn tickets issued; fire chief - trash burning incident; clerk/treasurer - building inspector visit, post office, banking; del. tax collector; resident - phone call about tree cutting, erosion concerns; Municipal Street Light Program. All discussed.			
Cemeteries	Tipped and missing stones, plot availability, repair and maintenance were discussed.			
Post office	Lisa Whitman gave the postal service three months notice that she is not continuing her contract to operate the Ripton Post Office beyond July 2013. The town clerk asked via memo that the selectboard, or a committee appointed by them, consider an application by the town rather than an individual to operate the office. The selectboard chose to deliver a letter to the East Middlebury Post Office asking that the opening be widely publicized, and the town kept informed of its status to avoid repeating the sudden closure situation of five years ago.			
Banking	A memo from the treasurer introduced the following topics. To continue the recommended practice that bank accounts be reconciled by someone who is not authorized to sign for the accounts, Carrie Herzog will do so. The selectboard voted payment at the rate the treasurer stated from the "other officer" budget line. The treasurer appointed Irene Poole as assistant treasurer. All acknowledged she will replace former assistant Alison Joseph Dickinson as a signer on town accounts (excluding Fire Dept.).			
<b>Old Business</b>				
Trash/burning	The sheriff spoke with 2 property owners and several tenants, and issued 4 tickets related to trash and burning. Illegal burning may be reported to the sheriff's office anytime (388-2981).			
Delinquent Tax: Drummond	A copy of the delinquent tax collector's letter to Mr. Drummond about payment of delinquent tax, 2013 tax, and that no legal proceedings will begin prior to Dec. 2013 was received.			
Town buildings	Electric bills for the Community House were high, likely due to incorrect setting of the blower fan switch. Painting, refrigerator, lawn repair and documenting work requests were discussed.			

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