

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting
06-10-2013	2013-12	7:30 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	06-24-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 05-27-13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$12,282.64; General Fund: \$16,465.13.			
Actions	Unless otherwise stated, actions are moved by the chair and approved by all. Approved to seek bids for refinishing the Community House floor. Denied Ripton Church request for fee waiver for use of Community House for fundraiser.			
Officer Reports	Delinquent tax collector - \$11,072.75 due; listers - 411 form; treasurer - budget report, account balances; zoning administrator - 0 applications in May. Reviewed and filed.			
Roads Report				
General	Placing gravel and grading continues on the North Branch Rd. (from approx. # 3000- 2600 complete). The class 3 portion of County Crossroad is gullied and will be repaired.			
Culverts	A contract for a VTrans FY 2014 Town Highway (TH) Grant award for replacement of 4 culverts on the Lincoln Rd. was signed and returned to VTrans.			
TAC study grant application	An application was submitted June 7 th for a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) study grant for an armored water crossing at two culverts on Peddlers Bridge Rd.			
Bridges	Work for the VTrans FY 2013 TH Structures Grant, the application of membrane and approach paving at 3 bridges (Lincoln Rd. - Bent Bridge (TH1, B3), Dugway (TH3, B15), Natural Turnpike – Billings Bridge (TH11, B16) will be scheduled to end before mid-August.			
Old Business				
Request for rental fee waiver	A request for a fee waiver for Ripton Church use of the Community House for a contra dance was denied. As a fundraising event for the Church with admission or suggested donation, the use did not meet the criteria for a fee waiver - free and open to all.			
Cemeteries	Potential for addition to Cook and Galvin Cemeteries was discussed. A group will meet to reestablish a cemetery commission.			
Post office	Kathy Rokowski, Manager& Consumer Industry Contact, Northern New England District USPS, stated in a phone conversation that we misunderstood her explanation of the status of the Ripton Post Office. Per Ms. Rokowski, the USPS is done with a post office when a contract is terminated, unless someone initiates the process of applying as a village post office. If no one does, or one is not approved, notices are delivered to mailboxes 30 days ahead of closure stating where to pick up mail. Street delivery is not an option. An email from the town asking for confirmation and answers to questions about the process and pending termination date was forwarded by Ms. Rokowski to Retail Manager, Emily Spera, but remained unanswered. A resident who wished to apply for the contract position received an application for the Village Post Office Program. The lack of answers and need for involving legislators was discussed.			
Town buildings	A recommendation to sand and refinish the Community House floor before painting the interior was reported. Unfinished work at the town office is to be completed by the handyman within two weeks of notification. Volunteers will be sought to weed the gardens, and a mulch donation was offered by Maiden Lane Contractors.			
Dogs	The town clerk's lists of licensed dogs and dogs whose licenses were not renewed in 2013 were reviewed, and other unlicensed dogs identified. Letters will be sent to those with unlicensed dogs. The time and cost of dealing with unlicensed dogs was noted.			
New Business				
College gift-in-kind	A gift-in-kind report from the College showed: \$2,087 for skiing at the Snow Bowl, \$1,519 for skiing at Rikert Ski Touring Center. Total: \$3,606.			
Correspondence	Newsletters; VTrans, Legislature annual reports; Brook Field Service generator report. Reviewed, filed.			

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