

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting
07-08-2013	2013-14	7:33 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	07-22-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Tim Bouton, Addison County Regional Planning Commission (7:30 – 8:15).			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 06-24 -13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$16,151.46; General Fund: \$10,032.95.			
Actions	<p>Unless otherwise stated, actions are moved by the chair and approved by all.</p> <p>Approved/signed Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application for study of areas sensitive to landslide in the Middlebury River watershed.</p> <p>Approved/signed Better Backroads grant applications for North Branch Rd., Natural Turnpike, and a road inventory.</p> <p>Approved keeping all existing street light locations. (Fixtures may be replaced in 2014.)</p> <p>Approved Carbonite computer back-up service for town office computers, 1 yr. \$229.</p>			
Officer Reports	Delinquent tax collector - \$8,951.20 due; treasurer - account balances, income/expense report; zoning administrator – 3 applications in June (road cut, decks, shed). Reviewed & filed.			
Discussion with visitors				
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applications	Tim Bouton of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) asked for support of a HMGP application for the identification of landslide hazard in the Middlebury River watershed. There is no cost to the town for the \$40,000 study, which will be done by geologists and managed by ACRPC but must be part of a municipal all hazards mitigation plan. Ms. Cox moved and all approved to support ACRPC's application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) HMGP program, and to adopt the results of the planning study as an annex to Ripton's single jurisdiction all hazards mitigation plan, approved by FEMA 03-19-13. Base flood elevations and a HMGP application for flood resiliency improvements for the town buildings were discussed. Mr. Bouton left the meeting at the close of this discussion, 8:15.			
Roads Report				
General	Most roads have held up well but weather is starting to cause damage. Rain July 5-7 eroded the Goshen Rd. and Frost Rd. On the Goshen Rd. the areas of greatest damage are south of the Silver Towers entry and at culverts near Pop's pool. Five loads of gravel are estimated for repair. The top of Frost Rd. is passable but needs gravel. The Pearl Lee Rd. needs grading.			
TAC study B2	A draft inspection report of Baker Bridge from Milone & MacBroom was reviewed favorably.			
Better Backroads	Grant applications were signed for projects on N. Branch Rd., Natural Turnpike, and a road inventory.			
Old Business				
Cemeteries	A public discussion led by Perry Hanson is scheduled for July 18, 7:00 p.m., Comm. House.			
Post office	The Ripton Country Store owners applied for the Village Post Office Program.			
Town buildings	Discussion continued about refinishing the Community House floor and completing projects. Town office interior painting was not done by this meeting because of high humidity.			
Dogs	As of this meeting 4 of 20 households mailed a letter about unlicensed households responded, and another with an unlicensed dog was identified.			
Village concern	A response to a resident's letter regarding the appearance of properties on Route 125, an email reply, and answer were discussed.			
Town meeting – July 1 fiscal year	A draft letter to taxpayers from the selectboard about the change in fiscal year voted at town meeting and a special fall town meeting regarding tax due dates and a budget was prepared.			
Municipal street light program	The selectboard approved keeping the 9 existing street light locations. Ripton is scheduled for the 2014 Municipal Street Light Program.			
New Business				
Tax rate	Factors for the deciding the 2013 tax rate were reviewed.			
Correspondence	United Way Days of Caring application – apply for cemetery clean-up. Clerk/Treasurer - memo re. revised budget lines, request for computer back-up service; reviewed, approved.			

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt