

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting
07-22-2013	2013-15	7:30 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	08-12-2013
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk			
Minutes	Amended and approved: Minutes of 07-08 -13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$7,135.00; General Fund: \$3,813.64.			
Actions	<p>Unless otherwise stated, actions are moved by the chair and approved by all.</p> <p>Approved 2013 tax rate: Roads \$0.1123, General Fund \$0.2456, total municipal tax rate \$0.3579. Total tax rates, municipal and education: Homestead \$1.9612, Non-residential \$1.8100.</p> <p>Approved Community House renter request for locating a porta-potty to supplement bathrooms, and fee request \$75 one day, \$50 additional day.</p> <p>Approved purchase of VLCT <i>Model Financial Policies</i> handbook.</p>			
Officer Reports	Treasurer: budget report.			
Roads Report				
General	The annual request to the state for road salt purchase was submitted. The early July damage to the Goshen Rd. and Frost Rd. is repaired. Trees down from a July 19 th storm are cleaned up.			
TAC study B2 Baker Bridge	Technical memoranda for Baker Bridge (B2, TH1 Lincoln Rd.) from Milone & MacBroom were discussed. A project meeting will be held Aug 12 th .			
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Applications were not submitted for the period ending July 12 th . Applications for Frost Rd. and for the town buildings are encouraged for a future round.			
Old Business				
Cemeteries	Fifteen people participated in a public discussion led by Perry Hanson July 18 th . A second public meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15 th .			
Post office	The Ripton Country Store owners applied for the Village Post Office Program, but do not yet have a contract.			
Town buildings	Recycling and painting were discussed.			
Dogs	Next steps, such as calling owners of unlicensed dogs, were discussed.			
Town meeting – July 1 fiscal year	A letter to taxpayers about the change in fiscal year voted at town meeting and a special fall town meeting regarding tax due dates and a budget was approved.			
Tax rate	Estimated final budget figures and education tax rates (\$1.6033 homestead and \$1.4521 non-residential) were reviewed. The budget, particularly for roads, was adjusted downward to minimize a tax increase. The general fund (municipal) rate is 0.2456. The roads rate is 0.1123. Included in the municipal rate is a local exemption rate of 0.0071 for veteran's exemption and Silver Towers Camp. The total tax rates are: \$1.9612 homestead and \$1.8100 non-residential.			
New Business				
Correspondence	Memo from clerk/treasurer regarding recycling – forward to facilities coordinator. Roadside mowing & invasives – timing of mowing to limit spread of invasive plants discussed. Safety memos “tailgate talks”, VLCT Health system memo, Chris Bray storm damage email – reviewed.			

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