

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Start	End	Next Meeting
08-26-2013	2013-17	7:30 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	09-09-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; 7:30 - 8:05 Perry Hanson and Tim Hanson. (Visitors attended only for discussion of cemeteries and a question to the health officer.) Richard Collitt served as chair in Lauren Cox's absence.			
Minutes	Amended and approved: Minutes of 08-12-13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$3,747.50; General Fund: \$11,294.56.			
Actions	Unless otherwise stated, actions are moved by the chair and approved by all. Approved that town attorney Ellen Fallon be asked to determine the legal status of the Ripton Cemetery Association and advise about the town's role.			
Roads Report				
General	The final signs for the school zone are ready for installation. A complaint about damage on County Crossroad resulted in grading and re-digging a filled water bar. The second round of roadside mowing is starting.			
Structures grant	The contractor has been notified that the 2012-13 bridge approach paving and membrane project must be complete by October 15 th .			
TAC study B2 Baker Bridge	A history of repair costs for a benefit:cost analysis was reviewed.			
TAC - Old Center Turnpike	Mar Harrison, TAC alternate delegate, represented the town at an Aug. 21 meeting where the town was awarded a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) grant for a right-of-way study for Old Center Turnpike.			
Old Business				
Cemeteries	In a search for the Ripton Cemetery Association bylaws, Perry Hanson discovered minutes from a 1977 Special Town Meeting where the town approved two articles related to ownership and maintenance of town cemeteries. Excerpts of selectboard minutes from 1975-1977 and documents by town attorney, John Stahl of Langrock, Sperry & Wool from 1977 were reviewed. Mr. Stahl recommended that the Cemetery Association warn a meeting and vote about dissolution. It is not known if that happened. Since 1987 the town treasurer has overseen the Cemetery Association funds and filed a "Nonprofit Biennial Report Form" with the secretary of state. This maintains the Association's non-profit status. The board approved that the current town attorney be asked to investigate the legal status of the town cemeteries and Cemetery Association.			
Post office	The Ripton Country Store is operating as a Village Post Office.			
Town buildings	Town office painting and trash at the town shed were discussed.			
Dogs	A second selectboard letter was mailed to those with unlicensed dogs.			
Trash/Burning	The sheriff visited two properties with accumulated outdoor trash, and a third for a trash burning complaint. Regarding a letter received at the previous meeting about an unhealthy situation, health officer, Tim Hanson, responded there is little he can do. A citizen who called with concerns about dumping on forest land was directed to the Forest Service. An inquiry about assistance with trash clean-up costs was discussed.			
New Business				
Correspondence	Letter to John Sodaro regarding trash and recycling; State of Vermont "General Permit for Indirect Discharge", VLCT Hazard Survey recommendations; reviewed.			

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt