

<b>Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Call to order</b>	<b>Call to adjourn</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>09-23-2013</b>	2013-19	7:30 p.m.	10:20 p.m.	10-14-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Bonnie Swan, cemetery sexton, 7:30-8:15.			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 09-09-13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$58,408.70; General Fund: \$9,257.31.			
Actions	Unless otherwise noted actions are moved by Mr. Collitt, seconded by Mr. Wimett and approved by all. Approved warning for a Special Town Meeting, Nov. 4, 2013. (see attached) Approved town office stairway painting by T. Deppman.			
Cemeteries	Discussion of cemeteries began immediately after the 7:30 p.m. call to order. The town attorney did not find any information in the Langrock, Sperry & Wool files that followed up on John Stahl's letters from 1977 about dissolving the Association. Bonnie Swan presented her copies of Ripton Cemetery Association bylaws, meeting minutes into the 1990s, and that the Secretary of State confirmed the association still exists. Plot owners are members of the association. Three members of the association may call a special meeting, and three were present at this selectboard meeting. It was concluded that a special meeting of the Ripton Cemetery Association be warned, where a minimum of 7 members could decide whether or not to dissolve, to continue, or to amend the bylaws. The selectboard supported the idea of a survey to gauge community interest regarding the cemeteries. Application was made to the United Ways Day of Caring for volunteers to help with cemetery clean-up, and one person volunteered for Thursday, Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> . Bonnie Swan left the meeting at the close of this discussion, 8:20 p.m.			
<b>Roads Report</b>				
General	The second round of roadside mowing continues. Grading was done on Robbins Crossroad, Lincoln Rd, and Pearl Lee Rd. on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> after heavy rain during the evening.			
Structures grant 2012-13	The bridge approach paving and membrane project is complete. At the last meeting it was believed the project cost would exceed the estimate; it did not.			
Paving	Road paving is complete.			
Class 2 rd grant	Culvert C27 on the Lincoln Rd. was replaced; C30 will be replaced 09/24. Culvert C32 failed and will also be replaced			
TAC study - B2 Baker Bridge	Milone & MacBroom is finalizing the report. The benefit:cost analysis did not meet the threshold for hazard mitigation grant funding. (TAC is the acronym for Transportation Advisory Committee.)			
<b>Old Business</b>				
Town buildings	Town office painting, handyman and facilities coordinator roles and tasks were discussed.			
Town meeting – July 1 fiscal yr	A draft 6-month budget was approved and a tax rate calculated. The warning for a Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> special town meeting was approved and filed with the minutes. An informational notice for voters was discussed. Residents wrote their “understanding of the fiscal year alignment process” and requested a response. It was confirmed that their understanding is correct. The fiscal year alignment requires collecting 6 months of municipal tax for Jan. 1- June 30, 2014 to align with a July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 fiscal year, “about 10% of the total of individual tax bill.”			
Sand Hill Bridge	The bridge schedule was discussed, and will be confirmed.			
<b>New Business</b>				
Correspondence	Front Porch Forum – free access; Days of Caring confirmation letter; equip training opportunities; VLCT Storm Recovery Conference – reviewed; letter re. aligning fiscal years – see “old business” above.			

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