

Ripton Selectboard - Special Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Meeting
10-01-2013	2013-20	7:30 p.m.	9:05 p.m.	10-14-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Lisa Whitman, Scott Whitman			
Purpose	This Special Meeting was warned to consider items with deadlines ahead of the next regular meeting, as noted below.			
Summary of Approved Items	<p>Approved \$3,500 for George Silver Associates appraisal services.</p> <p>Approved payment for town office stairway painting, pending bill approval.</p> <p>Approved General Fund orders: \$2,290.38.</p> <p>Approved to rescind a Warning for a Special Town Meeting.</p> <p>Approved a fiscal year/tax informational meeting 10-16-13, 7:30 p.m., Community House.</p> <p>Approved to survey taxpayers regarding fiscal years and tax due dates.</p>			
Appraisal Services	Richard Collitt moved, Ron Wimett seconded, and all approved a \$3,500 retainer fee for George Silver & Associates, an appraisal firm experienced in special purpose property valuation.			
Insurance	The town's insurance renewal form due Oct. 11 th was reviewed. A memo from the clerk/treasurer showed the deadline for notifying employees about the new health exchange was met, and that she will proceed with an employer account and choices.			
Town buildings	The town office stairway is painted. Richard Collitt moved, Ron Wimett seconded, and all approved that Mr. Deppman submit a bill for his work and be paid, pending final approval.			
Roads	Grant projects will be complete by October deadlines.			
Orders	Bills, including several due before the next regular meeting, were approved for a total of: \$2,290.38 General Fund.			
Warning for Special Town Meeting –July 1 fiscal yr	<p>At the Sept. 23rd meeting, the selectboard approved a warning for a special town meeting. Attorneys from the Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) suggested changes to the warning. Their concerns, budget preparation, a questionnaire, responses to the tax insert letter, type of meeting, attendance, petitions, changing opinions, tax payment burdens, and the wish for input from those not at town meeting were discussed. A memo from the treasurer and statement from the auditor were cited.</p> <p>Richard Collitt moved and Laureen Cox seconded to rescind the warning for a special town meeting that was approved Sept. 23, 2013. Mr. Collitt and Ms. Cox voted aye to rescind the warning; Mr. Wimett voted nay.</p> <p>Richard Collitt moved and Ronald Wimett seconded the motion to hold an informational meeting regarding the change in fiscal years on Oct. 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House. Mr. Collitt and Ms. Cox voted aye to hold the informational meeting; Mr. Wimett abstained.</p> <p>Richard Collitt moved and Laureen Cox seconded the motion to conduct a survey of all taxpayers concerning preferences regarding fiscal years and tax collection. All approved the motion.</p>			

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt