

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Meeting
10-14-2013	2013-21	7:30 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	10-28-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Bonnie Swan, cemetery sexton, 7:30-7:50; Warren King, 7:30-8:30.			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 09-23-13 and 10-01-13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$58,408.70; General Fund: \$9,257.31.			
Officer Reports	Delinquent tax collector, \$6,307.80 due; treasurer: budget report; zoning administrator: 5 applications received in September.			
Actions	<p>The following actions were moved by Ronald Wimett and seconded by Laureen Cox.</p> <p>Approved that cemetery sexton Bonnie Swan continue her role in cemetery management and operations until a town vote about a cemetery commission and commissioners.</p> <p>Approved Casella recycling proposal for a second recycling container and tracks.</p> <p>Approved request to serve alcohol at Community House rental event – Slayton, 10-25-13.</p> <p>Signed appraisal services letter of engagement with George Silver & Associates.</p> <p>Signed Cargill Salt bulk deicing salt purchase agreement.</p>			
Cemeteries	<p>Discussion of cemeteries began at 7:30 p.m. The Ripton Cemetery Association voted on 10-10-13 to dissolve the association and transfer its assets to the town. The selectboard proposes that the town vote the question of establishing a 5-member cemetery commission at the March 2014 town meeting, with Australian ballot vote of 5 commissioners to follow. In the interim, Bonnie Swan will continue in her current capacity as cemetery sexton with authority to sell plots, and will seek election as a commissioner. The town attorney will confirm proper transfer of assets.</p> <p>The United Ways Day of Caring volunteers, Megan Battey and David Lacey, were wonderful. They instructed and worked on cleaning stones with Bonnie Swan and others.</p> <p>Ms. Swan left the meeting at the close of this discussion, 7:50 p.m.</p>			
New Business				
Recycling	Mr. King presented a proposal from Casella for a second recycling container. It will allow Casella to leave an empty container after removing a full one, save a trip, and never leave the town shed. Pull fee for the large containers remains \$310 per pull for 3 years; the rent fee drops from \$100 to \$75 per month. There is no rent fee for the dumpster, and its pull fee changes from \$104 to \$50. Savings of \$1,704 per year are projected.			
HMGP grants	The town buildings, shed and salt pile were identified as potential projects for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.			
Zoning issues	Recent activity at properties in the fluvial erosion hazard district was discussed.			
Solar array	A Chipman Inn proposal for solar panels to help obtain “green inn” designation was reviewed. At 8:30 p.m. with the close of this discussion Mr. King left the meeting.			
Roads Report				
General	Roadside mowing is done. Its schedule will adjust in future years to optimize effectiveness. Erosion on Wagon Wheel Rd. and at the town shed will be repaired.			
Road grants	With construction complete, reimbursement requests will follow.			
Winter work	With grant projects done, the sand pile begins.			
Culverts	Seven culverts were replaced this year; 5 with grant funds.			
TAC/ACRPC studies	Follow-up on the bridge study, traffic counts, culvert study, approved 2013-14 studies for water crossings and Center Tpike r.o.w. were discussed. (Acronyms are for the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.)			
Old Business				
Town buildings	Community House furnace cleaning and the exhaust duct extension are complete.			
Town meeting – July 1 fiscal yr	An informational meeting about the fiscal year transition and 2014 tax is scheduled for Oct. 16 th . Estimates of 6-month municipal tax for a range of properties were reviewed.			
Sand Hill Bridge	The bridge schedule was confirmed with a 04-12-14 to 05-23-14 road closure planned.			
Dogs	The town clerk issued licenses for several more dogs, and sent an updated “unlicensed list” including at least 6 dogs and 4 owners.			

Appraisal	An engagement for services letter from George Silver & Associates was reviewed and signed.
New Business	
Correspondence	John Graham Shelter funding thank-you, Sheriff's report, filed; VLCT Highway Safety Alliance membership, declined; VLCT attorney email re. cemeteries, reviewed; J. Allen re. Community House clean-up policy, agreed.

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt