

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Meeting
12-09-2013	2013-25	7:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	12-23-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk.			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 11-25-2013.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$5,504.97; General Fund: \$13,648.06.			
Actions	For action/approval items: motions are made by Richard Collitt, seconded by Ronald Wimett, and approved by all unless shown otherwise. Approved: The 2013 budget included \$5,000 income from the town building fund. The board approved not to transfer \$5,000 from the town building fund to the general fund because proposed projects were not done.			
Officer Reports	Delinquent tax collector: \$35,389.69 due. Clerk/Treasurer: correspondence regarding Jan. 17, 2014 audit, employee status, town report timeline; education tax payments. Zoning administrator: 3 applications processed, 2014-15 budget submitted, discussed.			
Roads Report				
General	Washboard road surfaces were smoothed as best possible. Drainage problems on Norton Farm Road followed USFS logging operations. Requirements that road crews and contractors complete OSHA training were discussed. Middlebury College ordered signs to alert drivers about skiers and snow across Steam Mill Rd. The road budget, assets, funds and accounting were discussed.			
Old Business				
College	College administrators proposed dates for meeting in executive session with the selectboard. The selectboard chose Jan. 10, 2014, 1:00 p.m., location to be determined.			
Cemeteries	Nearly 70 cemetery questionnaires were returned and responses compiled by Charles Billings. Seven individuals are interested in being commissioners. Per state statutes, two questions regarding cemeteries will be on the March town meeting warning for vote from the floor: one to accept funds, another to vote for a commission. The town attorney and secretary of state's office confirmed that though a commission will not be voted prior to 2014 town meeting ballot preparation, residents may submit ballot petitions for election as cemetery commissioner for the 2014 town meeting. The length of term for office must be specified and seats voted by Australian ballot March 4, 2014.			
Schley painting	The Historical Society will acquire the painting by Miriam Schley.			
Budget & town meeting 2014	Reviewed: draft 18-month budget, asset list and 2004 policy regarding accounting for fixed assets, articles for warning, tax due dates – retain single November date.			
New Business				
Route 125 safety	A request and need for a pedestrian crossing and sign near the Ripton Store were discussed.			
Town buildings	The town office furnace motor was repaired after failing on Dec. 8 th . Because projects proposed for 2013 were not completed, a transfer from the town building fund will not be made.			
Correspondence	Sheriff's Dept. patrol reports; public records info. - Sec. of State tour, Stitzel Page & Fletcher webinars; Preservation Trust of Vermont – report and fundraising letter; reviewed. Jan. 24 State Police community advisory board meeting agenda – forwarded to representatives.			

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