

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Meeting
10-28-2013	2013-22	7:30 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	11-11-2013, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk; Charles Billings, 7:30-8:05.			
Minutes	Amended and approved: Minutes of 10-14-13.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$8,112.50; General Fund: \$35,993.87.			
Actions	<p>For action/approval items, motions were made by Richard Collitt, seconded by Ronald Wimett, and approved by all.</p> <p>Approved that the treasurer issue a \$25,000 advance of education taxes paid to the Ripton Town School District.</p> <p>Approved that a questionnaire about town cemeteries prepared by Charles Billings be mailed with postage paid by the town.</p> <p>Approved that Charles Billings begin discussions with landowners about cemetery expansion.</p> <p>Approved not to survey taxpayers about fiscal years and tax due dates.</p>			
Cemeteries	<p>Discussion of cemeteries with Charles Billings began at 7:30 p.m. and closed at 8:05 when Mr. Billings left the meeting. As discussed at the last selectboard meeting, the Ripton Cemetery Association voted to dissolve and transfer its assets to the town, and the selectboard favors a cemetery commission be approved and 5 commissioners elected at the next town meeting. Mr. Billings, who will run for a commissioner seat, wished to know what can be done in the interim. A questionnaire he prepared was approved for mailing. Maps, acreage, plots, repairs, rights-of-way, and potential land donations were discussed. The board approved that Mr. Billings discuss land donations with property owners.</p>			
Roads Report				
General	Summer maintenance is done.			
Winter work	The sand pile is 50% complete.			
TAC/ACRPC studies	<p>Via email Daryl Benoit provided traffic count data for Goshen Rd. and Natural Turnpike and Peddlers Bridge Rd. He proposed a winter schedule for requests for proposals for the TAC studies. A culvert study was not done for Ripton in 2013 but is anticipated for 2014. (Acronyms are for the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.)</p>			
Old Business				
HMGP grants	The lack of adequate plans for HMGP applications and need for planning funds were noted.			
Zoning issues	Recent activity at properties in the fluvial erosion hazard district was discussed.			
Town meeting – July 1 fiscal yr	Twelve residents (including the selectboard) attended an Oct. 16 th informational meeting about the fiscal year transition and 2014 taxes. Given the meeting attendance and response to an explanatory letter mailed in July, the selectboard will not send a survey to taxpayers.			
Sand Hill Bridge	The 2014 bridge closure schedule is revised to a range of dates to allow for unpredictable spring weather and ice melt conditions: April 19-June 2; April 26-June 9; or May 3-June 16.			
Appraisal	George Silver & Associates requested and were sent property information.			
New Business				
Correspondence	State animal abuse survey - completed by Chris Smith; VTrans 2013 town highway map, VLCT workshops, Addison County Economic Development request to visit, REPRO request to send bid - reviewed; Red Cross \$ request - petition required, notice of new staff - filed.			

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt