

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
02-24-2014	2014-06	7:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	03-10-2014, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Lauren Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 02-10-14.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$11,547.50, General Fund: \$7,602.41.			
Actions	For action/approval items: motions are made by Richard Collitt, seconded by Ronald Wimett, and approved by all. Approved: Planning commission/zoning board/historic district commission may hire a minute-taker for hearings at a rate not to exceed \$18 per hour. Appointed: Ceredwyn Alexander, Town Service Officer, April 15, 2014-April 15, 2015.			
Roads Report				
General	There is a lot of ice on roads and in ditches and culverts. Even 3'-4' diameter culverts are freezing, thawing and refreezing. Culverts throughout town are monitored; those near the school were particularly discussed. A load of salt and 700 yards of sand were delivered today.			
Grants	A class 2 road grant project to extend a culvert near Baker Bridge was proposed.			
Old Business				
Middlebury College	The Feb. 21 st special executive session meeting with the town attorney regarding the proposed contract agreement with the college was discussed.			
Town buildings	The town clerk wrote to the board about the persistent ice flow outside the town office and seepage into the entryway, which the board investigated. For the short-term, the road crew is breaking up ice and sanding. For the longer-term, a new entry and drainage are planned. A recommendation to use oil-based polyurethane floor finish in the Community House rather than water-based was noted.			
HMGP -Hazard Mitigation Grants	Grant applications for town office and Community House flood mitigation projects were submitted. The projects depend upon establishing base flood elevations.			
Sand Hill Bridge	Board members plan to attend a Feb 26 th VTrans public information meeting for the 2014 Sand Hill Bridge project.			
Town meeting	Election schedules and warned articles were reviewed.			
New Business				
Dog complaint	Emily Mathews wrote to the board about an attack by the Cherouny/Jewett dogs near 565 Peddlers Bridge Road on Feb. 15th. This follows reports of the dogs attacking in 2012 and 2013. If anyone sees these dogs running loose or threatening, the police are to be called. Conversations with and letters to those involved were discussed.			
Right-of-way	Documentation of a right-of-way issue at 4255 and 4257 Lincoln Road was received.			
Planning & Zoning	Planning/zoning/historic district commissioners requested a hired minute-taker. The board approved hiring a minute-taker for hearings, not for general meetings, at a rate not to exceed \$18 hourly.			
Correspondence	From Emily Mathews (see dog), Cheryl Larocque (see right-of-way), clerk (see buildings); ACTR thank you and report; VLCT selectboard institute, treasurer workshop, VTrans workshops - filed; DCF request for town service officer (see actions).			

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt