

<b>Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Call to order</b>	<b>Call to adjourn</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>04-14-2014</b>	2014-09	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	04-28-2014, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk.			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 03-24-14.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$13,144.62, General Fund: \$13,177.31.			
Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector, \$15,064.44 due; treasurer, profit & loss budget report; zoning administrator, 1 hearing & 1 application in March.			
Actions	<p>Unless otherwise noted, motions are made by R. Collitt (RC), seconded by R. Wimett (RW), and approved by all – including chair L. Cox (LC).</p> <p>Signed Ripton Community Coffee House - Community House rental contract, \$1,100 per year, Jan. 1, 2014-Dec. 31, 2016.</p> <p>Proposed changes to the annual town meeting minutes.</p> <p>Approved letter of support for the North Country National Scenic Trail.</p>			
<b>Roads Report</b>				
General: winter work, summer gravel	<p>Culvert freezing and thawing continued with at least 12 culverts, including large new culverts, freezing since the last meeting. In recent years little culvert thawing was necessary and a \$2,000 budget for 2014-15 was estimated. In 2014 \$7,000+ is spent on thawing.</p> <p>Washouts and freeze/thaw issues on the North Branch Rd. required 5-6 loads of gravel.</p> <p>Crushed gravel (400 yds.) is stock-piled for summer projects.</p> <p>Permit requirements for Maiden Lane Contractors to haul materials for town projects over roads in Middlebury and Salisbury during the Sand Hill Bridge closure were described.</p>			
Grants	Discussion included: the need for re-paving needed on the Lincoln Rd. – a possible 2015 project; a recent VT Local Roads program about state grants and new grant award cycles.			
Guardrail damage	A restitution payment of \$1,284 was received 04/14/14 for damage done 05/15/10 to guardrail at Baker Bridge (B2) on the Lincoln Rd.			
<b>Old Business</b>				
Sand Hill Brdg.	The April 19th bridge/road closure and detour (see roads) were discussed			
Town buildings	Community House projects and rentals, and clearing winter sand from lawns were discussed.			
Budget	Reviewed budget reports and a pay rate worksheet.			
Town meeting	The board proposed changes to the draft minutes received from the town clerk.			
Cemeteries	Cemetery commission finances and minutes anticipated from the commission's April 2 <sup>nd</sup> organizational meeting were discussed.			
Dogs	The number of dogs licensed last year but not licensed this year was estimated as thirty-plus.			
Middlebury College	The board entered executive session at 8:55 to discuss the proposed contract agreement with the college and adjourned executive session at 9:30.			
<b>New Business</b>				
Correspondence	<p>Sheriff's Dept. report and response – the board requests speed patrol on weekend evenings.</p> <p>Email request from Carl Robinson, Executive Director, Middlebury Area Land Trust, for a letter of support from the board for the North Country National Scenic Trail - approved.</p>			

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

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