

Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Meeting
04-28-2014	2014-10	7:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	05-12-2014, 7:30 p.m., town office
Attendees	Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt, selectboard; Alison Joseph, board clerk.			
Minutes	Approved: Minutes of 04-28-14. Discussed availability and posting requirements: draft minutes are available at the town office within 5 days of a meeting; signed minutes are posted.			
Orders	Approved: Roads: \$7,599.53, General Fund: \$3,177.48.			
Officer reports	Zoning administrator, 4 applications in April.			
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 the annual town meeting minutes (LC).</p> <p>Appointed: Warren King, acting zoning administrator, while the town attorney is consulted regarding a 1-year reappointment contract for Ed Hanson.</p> <p>Approved: No comment on USFS fisheries and wilderness restoration projects.</p>			
Roads Report				
General: winter work, summer gravel	<p>Scraping sand from paved roads was done in some areas. Sweeping will begin Sunday May 4th to avoid sweeping on Green Up Day.</p> <p>Crushed gravel valued at \$12,000+ is stock-piled for summer projects. Gravel was spread from 220 Wagon Wheel Rd. to a culvert on Ira Dow Rd. On the North Branch Rd., gravel was placed from the Boyle Bridge almost to the Middlebury line. Work for Barker Rd., Pearl Lee Rd., Frost Rd, grading and the possible need to re-grade on Wagon Wheel Rd. and Natural Turnpike were noted.</p> <p>Permits for Maiden Lane Contractors to haul materials for town projects over Salisbury roads during the Sand Hill Bridge closure are anticipated. Middlebury permits are requested per day.</p>			
Grants: culverts	A VTrans structures grant of \$11,985.30 was awarded for extension of culvert 1C36, guardrail repair, and ditching north of Baker Bridge on the Lincoln Rd. (B2, TH1). This work was recommended by Milone & MacBroom in the 2013 Baker Bridge Study funded by ACRPC. Better Backroads grant application projects were proposed for Goshen Rd. culverts.			
Old Business				
Sand Hill Brdg.	Ms. Cox and others from E. Middlebury and Hancock will plan an opening celebration.			
Town buildings	Estimates for Community House painting and floor refinishing projects (2 each) were reviewed and more contactors suggested. Proposed work at the town office entryway, play area, lawns and gardens was discussed.			
Budget	Expenditure reports were reviewed.			
Town meeting	The chair signed town meeting minutes received from the town clerk.			
Cemeteries	Cemetery commission minutes of April 2 nd and Galvin Cemetery were discussed.			
Dogs	Discussed that someone attend the May 29 th “Municipal Dog Control Workshop”.			
Middlebury College Agreement	John Flowers of the <i>Addison Independent</i> requested and was sent the old agreement and a list of college properties. The town attorney is reviewing a proposed contract agreement.			
New Business				
Middlebury College - Historical Society	Email from Warren King and Charles Billings described a student thesis presentation, “Revitalizing the Robert Frost Cabin” by Rebecca Hartje. If a proposed oversight committee for the cabin forms, the selectboard supports that Charles Billings represent the community as a member of the Ripton Historical Society.			
Zoning Administrator Contract	Ed Hanson’s contract as zoning administrator expired April 15, 2014; he cannot sign permits. Planning commission chair, Warren King, proposed a 1-year renewal contract. It will be determined if state law allows a 1-year contract, or only the 3-year term cited in Mr. Hanson’s previous contracts and VSA Ch. 117 T.24§4448. In the interim, the board appointed Warren King, acting zoning administrator.			
Correspondence	Vermont Local Roads, newsletters; VLCT siting telecommunications facilities alert, dog control workshop notice - filed; USDA Green Mt. National Forest: fisheries project, restoring roads to wilderness project, discussed - no comment on these projects.			

Laureen Cox

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Richard Collitt