

<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>07-14-2014</b>	2014-15	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	07-28-2014, 7:30 p.m., town office
Present	Members: Laureen Cox, chair; Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt. Clerk/admin: Alison Joseph.			
<b>Motions/votes</b>	<p>Unless noted, motions/2nds are by R. Collitt (RC), R. Wimett (RW), approval all (RC/RW/LC).  Moved/seconded/approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of 06-23-14.</li> <li>• Orders: Roads: \$10,311.71; General Fund: \$7,367.84.</li> <li>• Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement with Middlebury College, 01-01-14 to 06-30-24.</li> <li>• Municipal tax rate for the 18-month, 2014-15 budget year, total: \$0.5038, divided as: \$0.3734, General Fund, \$0.1304 Roads, \$0.0071 local exemption rate (included in General Fund rate).</li> <li>• To waive the extra 3% or 8% penalty on education taxes for late homestead filers.</li> <li>• That the selectboard clerk approve/sign vehicle, fleet excess weight permits.</li> <li>• CAI Technologies 2015 tax map maintenance contract.</li> </ul>			
<b>Agenda</b>	Tax rate setting was added to agenda item 4: New business.			
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Roads – updates, old and new business items</b>			
General & Grants	The road crew spread about \$15,000 worth of gravel from 1740 Goshen Rd/USFS Rd 32 to the town line. Another \$11,000-\$12,000 worth will be spread next week. Two USFS Rd 32 culvert replacements, work on USFS Rd 59 and Peddlers Bridge Rd, detours, chloride, budget, and potholes were discussed.			
TAC Studies Old Center Turnpike Right-of-way and Peddlers Bridge Rd. Culverts	<p>These are Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) studies.</p> <p>A kick-off meeting organized by consultants Russell &amp; Gillies is July 16th, 3:00 p.m. at the town office. Attendance and changing the date and were discussed, but the date was kept.</p> <p>A kick-off meeting is not necessary for consultants Milone &amp; MacBroom for the Peddlers Bridge Road Culvert Study.</p>			
Detours	Discussion included a USFS detour for FR59 for a culvert replacement, and the Rte 73 detour.			
Vehicle weight permits	The town clerk returned responsibility for signing vehicle/fleet weight permits to the selectboard, who moved and approved that the selectboard clerk sign the permits.			
	<b>Old Business</b>			
Sand Hill Bridge	The bridge celebration will include a parade and recognition of those involved since this project began in 1985. Road closure signs, detours, and invitations were discussed.			
Addison County Sheriff	The sheriff confirmed in writing to extend the current contract through April 2015 and increase patrol hours during Rte 73 detours. The board requested the contract extend to June 30, 2015 per its budget. However, rates will increase from \$25 to \$27 per hour in April.			
Middlebury College Agreement	The board concluded its negotiation with the college by signing a 10-year agreement for a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) with a 12-month start base of \$157,000 adjusted annually by the past and current year tax rate.			
Cemeteries	The cemetery commission meeting minutes of 07-02-14 and green burials were discussed.			
Town buildings	Discussion included: storage during Community House floor refinishing and painting projects, touch-up painting of the town office west exterior wall and door handle installation.			
Town office staff/officers	An email to the chair from the town clerk/treasurer led to discussion of financial best practices, legal incompatibility of the offices of selectperson and lister, recusal, communication, meeting minutes, and open meetings. Regarding legal incompatibility, a person may not be both a selectboard member and a lister. The board clerk is a lister, but is not a selectboard member.			
Dogs	The town clerk's list of dogs previously but not currently licensed was reviewed. Owners include: Croll, DiPaolo, Gerhart, Jackson, Konopke, Lacey, McKnight, Pirrung, Rudinsky, and Ryan.			
Recycling	Per new state laws, the town received a "Categorical Recycling Facility Certification" through June 30, 2024 for the town shed recycling center, and is accepting donations rather than collecting fees.			

Open meeting law	The July 1, 2014 open meeting law requirements for posting draft minutes and agenda, and ability of volunteer boards to meet them were discussed.
	<b>New business</b>
Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector: \$14,684.64 due. Emergency mgt. coordinator: meeting and course info. Listers: form 411, no BCA appeals. Treasurer: budget report. Zoning administrator: 5 applications in June.
Tax rate	Fiscal year 2015 education tax rates were received: \$1.7727 homestead; \$1.5376 non-residential. After budget review, the selectboard set the municipal tax rate: \$0.3734 general fund (including a \$0.0071 local exemption rate for the VT Elks Silver Towers camp and veteran's exemptions); \$0.1304 roads: total municipal \$0.5038. Total tax rates: \$2.2765 homestead; \$2.0414 non-residential.
Correspondence	Counseling Service of Addison County, thank you for town funds; Sheriff's deputy patrol reports; Middlebury College, contract and letter; Public Service Board, Order revision comment notice – no comment; VTrans workshops, grant programs; Emergency Mgt., acknowledgement of emergency plan; Dept. of Health, confirmation of health officer.

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