

<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>07-28-2014</b>	2014-16	7:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	08-11-2014, 7:30 p.m., town office
<b>Present</b>	Members: Laureen Cox, chair; Ronald Wimett, Richard Collitt. Clerk/admin: Alison Joseph.			
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add or remove agenda items</li> <li>2. Questions and comments from visitors/community members</li> <li>3. Review/amend/approve minutes of July 14, 2014</li> <li>4. Old business: roads; Sand Hill Bridge celebration; budget and tax rate review; cemeteries; town buildings; open meeting law; dogs.</li> <li>5. New business: board voting policies; tax bills and tax due dates, correspondence.</li> <li>6. Agenda items for next meeting</li> <li>7. Review/sign: Bills/orders; Short Surveying Inc. proposal</li> </ol>			
<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>• Added to the agenda: correspondence to clerk/treasurer</li> <li>• Minutes of 07-28-14.</li> <li>• Orders: Roads: \$4,675.00; General Fund: \$9,126.75.</li> <li>• Short Surveying Inc. contract for boundary survey for Galvin Cemetery expansion.</li> <li>• The 2 designated public places for posting agenda and other public notices are the bulletin boards at the town office and at the village post office.</li> <li>• When 3-5 locations are required for posting public notice, locations in addition to the town office and village post office are the Community House, town shed, and fire station or school.</li> <li>• That boards and commissions whose decisions have legal implication (including selectboard, planning/zoning/historic district, cemetery commission, listers) be responsible for posting agenda and minutes to the town website, and have at least one member or administrator trained to do so.</li> </ul>			
<b>Discussion</b>				
<b>Agenda</b>	The board added discussion of a letter from the chair to the clerk/treasurer to an item of old business from the July 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting.			
<b>Roads – updates, old and new business items</b>				
General & Grants	Wind and hard rain on the 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> downed trees. The road crew cleared roads while the sheriff's deputy assisted with traffic control. Chloride applied to some roads before the storms prevented erosion. Grant work will begin after go-ahead from VTrans.			
TAC Studies Old Ctr Tpike r.o.w. and Peddlers Bridge Rd. culverts	These are Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) studies. Draft notes from the kick-off meeting with consultants Russell & Gillies were distributed. The next meeting is Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m., town office. Milone & MacBroom have begun the Peddlers Bridge Road Culvert Study.			
Detours & Addison County Sheriff	Discussion included a USFS detour for FR59 for a culvert replacement, and Rte 73 and Rte 100 detours. Increased patrol hours during detours continue. Deputy patrols on class 4 roads were discussed.			
<b>Old Business</b>				
Sand Hill Bridge	Ms. Cox reported there was a good, wet crowd at the bridge opening celebration and reception at the Waybury Inn.			
Budget/tax rate	No discussion.			
Cemeteries	Survey work for Galvin Cemetery was approved, and land record references to it as McQuivey Cemetery noted.			
Town buildings	Discussion included: Community House and town office projects.			
Town office staff/officers	Ms. Cox shared her written response to an email from the clerk/treasurer discussed at the July 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting. (added to the agenda as the first order of business)			
Open meeting law	The board discussed the legal responsibility of town boards/commissions to meet the July 1, 2014 open meeting law requirements for posting agenda and minutes on the town website.			

	They stated that a member of each board whose decisions have legal implication will learn to and be responsible for posting agenda and minutes to the website. The board confirmed physical locations for posting. (see motions/votes)
Dogs	Two owners licensed dogs on July 15th. The list of owners of dogs previously but not currently licensed is: Croll, DiPaolo, Jackson, Konopke, Lacey, McKnight (1 of 3 dogs on record), Rudinsky, and Ryan.
<i><b>New business</b></i>	
Board voting policy	The board discussed a topic forwarded by town clerk/treasurer email – whether or not to vote on items that were not on the warned agenda. Though most items added to the agenda as the first order of business at a meeting may wait until the next meeting, the board saw an advantage to retaining flexibility. They aim to warn all items upon which they act, but occasionally may wish to respond to an item sooner rather than later.
Tax bills	The treasurer submitted a memo and supporting documents proposing a single due date on tax bills, the November voted date. Given that this is a change from the practice of a Sept. 1 date with no interest or penalty and the November voted final due date, the selectboard prefers to discuss the proposal with voters at town meeting. They reviewed the treasurer’s tax bill insert.
Correspondence	Reviewed/filed: VLCT - board vacancy; USFS - Wilderness Act celebration notice. Related to old business - Middlebury College: the principal and members of the school board expressed appreciation that ski lessons for Ripton Elementary School students are included in the 2014-2024 PILOT agreement.

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt