

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Meeting
01-26-2015	2015-3	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	02-09-15, 7:30, town office
Members present	Chair Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett.			
Visitors/participants	Selectboard administrator, Alison Joseph.			
Motions/votes	<p>Motions moved by Richard Collitt, seconded by Ronald Wimett.</p> <p>Approved by all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of 01-12-15. • Resolution to increase the input of Vermont municipalities regarding the siting of renewable energy projects in Certificate of Public Good proceedings before the Public Service Board. • Letter of support for Catamount Trail Association's application for a Recreation Trails Grant. • Warning for the 2015 Town Meeting: Article 1: road budget \$294,100, General Fund budget \$282,900, total budget \$577,000; Article 2: to pay RVFD \$38,650 for expenses; Article 3: tax collection by treasurer, due Nov. 5, 2015; Articles 4 & 5: 1-year terms for clerk and treasurer; Article 6: any other business. Voting by Australian ballot: officers; agency requests, total \$16,832.84. • Appointment of Alison Joseph Dickinson to the offices of clerk and treasurer through March 1, 2016. • Change from salary plus health and dental insurance for the clerk and treasurer to an hourly rate of \$21.00, without health and dental benefits for all paid positions held by Alison Joseph Dickinson. • Orders: General Fund \$7,213.80, Roads \$9,565.00. 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda	No changes.			
2. Visitors	None.			
3. Minutes	Approved minutes of 1-12-15.			
4. Old Business				
a. Roads	<p>Discussion included: the road sand pile - adequate and not frozen; culverts - frozen; storm damage - Dec. storm clean-up continued, most broken limbs are down.</p> <p>Dick Hosking of VTrans requested a meeting about Rte 125 guardrail safety and a change to an Act 250 permit. The morning of Feb. 13th is proposed.</p>			
b. Cemeteries	The boundary adjustment permit for the addition of 1.09 acres to Galvin Cemetery, donated by Middlebury College, was approved by the Planning Commission at its Jan. 13 th hearing.			
c. Town buildings	Mr. Wimett proposed work to help resolve ice build-up outside the town office.			
d. Dogs	Licensing was discussed.			
5. Town Meeting Warning, budget, 2014 report	<p>There was no change to the road budget drafted at the last meeting. The General Fund budget was completed. (See totals in motions/votes above). Articles for RVFD funds and tax collection were reviewed. The length of the term of office for the clerk and treasurer positions was discussed. In 2009, voters approved changing the clerk and treasurer terms from 1-year to 3-years. The board believes 1-year terms are in the better interest of the town, and added articles to vote on 1-year terms to the Warning (see motions/votes above). Town report preparation continues.</p>			
6. Appoint clerk and treasurer	Per statute, the selectboard posted the vacancy created by the Jan. 15 th death of clerk and treasurer, Sally Hoyler. The Office of the Secretary of State and the			

	<p>Vermont League of Cities & Towns advised that appointments be made to both offices as soon as possible for the terms ending in March 2016, and that the next election for that office may be 2016 end of term. Assistant clerk/treasurer Carrie Herzog and assistant clerk Paula Scott did not wish to be appointed to either position. Former assistant clerk/treasurer (1995-2012) Alison Joseph Dickinson accepted appointment to both positions. Irene Poole, who served as an assistant clerk/treasurer from March 2013 through June 2014, will return as an assistant clerk. The board is grateful for the effort that all of the above have contributed to continue the work of the Town over the last few months.</p> <p>As part of the appointment, compensation was discussed. The board approved to change from a 2015 monthly salary of \$3,311.00 per month plus \$573.66 health and dental insurance for the clerk/treasurer, to an hourly rate of \$21.00 without health and dental benefits for all paid positions held by Alison Joseph Dickinson. Computer programs and procedures were also discussed.</p>
7. New Business	
a. Correspondence	Town of Rutland - solar siting resolution (see motions/votes); Catamount Trail Assoc. - project plan and request for letter of support (see motions/votes); Ripton Planning Commission Notice of Decision (see 4.b.above).
8. Next meeting	2-9-15 Agenda: items from these minutes, officer reports.
9. Bills/orders	Approved roads and general fund orders (see motions/votes).

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt